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Annual Report of the Mission to North Mexico, for year ending March 31st 1890.

To Sec. N. G. Clark, D.D.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:—

The force (~~American~~) in this field remains the same as last year, with the exception that Miss Mary Dunning is in charge of the ~~———~~ Day School in Chihuahua, in place of Miss Keyes, who returned to the States, ~~in May, 1889~~ in June 1889.

The encouraging progress of former years has continued. One new church has been organized; ~~(San Buenaventura)~~ Seventy-four new members have been received on confession of faith. The payments by the people towards self-support and benevolent objects amount to $843.05. The sales, through the mission agency, of religious and educational books, and subscriptions to religious

periodicals were something more than $1400.00 Besides this the sales of Scriptures were to the amount of $275.00.

The most important event of the year, in connection with this mission, was the establishment of the Theological Training School at Ciudad Juarez. Rev. A.C. Wright has been transferred from Cosihuiriachic to take charge of this new work, and we now await a new man to occupy the post which he has left vacant.

In Chihuahua the attendance upon services is about what it was one year ago. Owing to numerous dismissals by letter, and the removal by death of five members, the church membership has not increased. Yet the work in general has made steady advance. A society of Christian Endeavor, of 26 members has been formed, being the first organization of the kind in Mexico.

Eleven converts have been received to church fellowship in Cosihuiriachic. The people at this station are

in general less fanatical than at any other point occupied by the mission, but the interest of many seems to go no farther than friendliness toward the missionary.

At Hermosillo was dedicated, on March 9th a fine new chapel, costing, with lot, $3961.94 +++ The dedication services were of remarkable interest, being attended by ministerial brethren from New Mexico, as well as by Messrs. Eaton and Case from the state of Chihuahua. This chapel is the first congregational church building ever erected in this Republic.

The church in Parral has received seventeen new members, all on confession of faith. The congregation has increased but slightly in size, owing to the removal of a number of families to the neighboring pueblos in search of better means of subsistence. These families, grouped in two different places, have established, and maintain regular services, both on the Sabbath, and on the mid-week day.

Out-Stations.

Pindad Juarez has been occupied by our native preacher, Francisco Padierna, who has been hindered in his labors by ~~success has been disappointing, chiefly owing, it is thought, to~~ prolonged sickness in his family, culminating in the death of his wife, in Oct., and by ~~his own ill health~~. Denominational interference from the other side of the river (El Paso) has also hindered his ~~our~~ efforts. Five members have received on confession.

El Valle. On account of the exceeding fanatical character of the place, but little advance has been made here. However, several families have become interested, and there is no doubt that El Valle will respond to more constant evangelistic efforts than the missionary has as yet been able to make.

Jimenez has been visited regularly; The circulation of "El Faro", a strong protestant paper published by the Presbyterian Board has been increased, and the death of the priest (in Dec.) who had great influence over the people, has removed one great ~~may open soon a door for us~~. obstacle to evangelical eff

At Las Cuevas the work of the Spirit has been most manifest. Although the brethren of the church have conducted the meetings with but little assistance from the missionary, the congregation has steadily increased in size until it is now larger than the one in Parral. Our christians there are very active in the work of evangelizing their neighbors.

Nine new members have been received, and as many more are now awaiting reception.

At San Buenaventura was organized a little church last October, having now ten members. It is more than holding its own, in the face of powerful opposition.

The deacon, Sr. Teófilo Romero, intends to build a chapel, at his own charges, on a lot of ground which he has already purchased.

San Isidro has been visited by the missionary once a month. Six new members have been added to the church. The people have, by themselves, nearly supported the

native teacher of the mission day-school, which is in a flourishing condition.

At Villa Lopez (Atotonilco) the advance though slow, has been steady, and marked by great faithfulness on the part of the native helper and his wife; The latter has been persuaded by their parents to receive one child after another into a little school, until she has seventeen pupils, whom she has taught without any expense to the mission for rent or furniture.

The Zaragoza church has received no new members, but the congregation has steadily grown, and a number of canditates have recently been proposed for admission. The public sentiment has changed considerably in regard to the protestant movement, and is now far more favorable than formerly.

Education.

It is yet too early to report in regard to the new training school at Juarez. Mr. Wright is on the ground, and within a few weeks will be prepared to receive students.

~~Supt. Hood, of the New West assures us that a~~ lady teacher for the elementary dept. ~~may be~~ expected to be ready for work after the summer vacation. The school will be formally opened ~~in the~~ autumn when

As to students for the theological classes, it is apparent that ~~by a more young men~~ one already somewhat advanced, has been under Mr. Wright's training for more than ~~will be ready to begin their studies. Back a year. Two or three others, from Chihuahua~~ cal work will be maintained ~~in neighboring and as many more from the rural towns and villages as a part of the conf. region will~~, it is hoped, soon be ready ~~to enter the school~~. A special and continuous effort will now be made to enlist young men of the proper spirit to give themselves to this work.

The Girl's Boarding School at Chihuahua, is steadily ~~developing~~ making progress. Mrs. Eaton has had it in charge for more than a year, and wishes to be relieved of the care

so as to be able to do other general missionary work, which she alone can do with ~~our~~ the present inefficiency force!

Owing to the existence of four distinct grades in the day-school (Chihuahua) and the necessity of teaching English, Miss Dunning needs help beyond what is offered by the two Mexican girl assistants, and it is growing more and more apparent that a new lady teacher (a normal school graduate, if possible) is needed.

Parral. Miss Prescott, in addition to the ten months' faithful work in the day-school, has employed her vacation in gathering and teaching a two month's school at Las Cuevas. She has also given normal training to our native teacher at Zaragoza.

In general, ~~we have~~ there are now six day-schools, and the total number under instruction is 176.

Native Helpers. The number remains the same as last year, the brethren,

however, of the various churches, are becoming more and more useful in the way of conducting meetings, distributing tracts &c.

Some Pressing Needs.

1 A new missionary in place of Mr. Whaling, who was appointed, but failed to come.

1 2 A lady teacher for Hermosillo.

2 3 A lady teacher for Chihuahua.

3 4 Both Chihuahua and Parral are in need of more commodious places of worship.

The cost of labor in this mission are much above the average, considering the work made and the time required.

Most Respectfully

Alden B. Case,

(Mission Sec)

Rec'd June 18, 1890.

MISSION TO NORTH MEXICO.

Report for year ending March 31st, 1891.

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Respectfully submitted to

Rev. N.G. Clark, D.D. Secretary.

An addition of three was received to our mission force during the year. Rev. Otis C. Olds of Chicago Seminary arrived in June, and Rev. and Mrs. Henry M. Bissell, who were transferred to us from the Western Mexico Mission, came in December.

The Cosi station, left vacant by the removal of the Wrights, is now to be reoccupied, Mr. Olds taking up work there after helping for a brief period longer at Parral, where he now is.

The Bissells were chosen to take charge of the new station which the mission decided to establish on the west coast. They are accordingly just becoming settled in the town of El Fuerte, State of Sinaloa.

Accompanying this report is a table of statistics, from which the following items are taken:

Present number of Stations, six. Out-stations, seven.

Six ordained missionaries, five wives, and two lady teachers.

Three native preachers, and four native lady teachers.

Fourteen places of stated preaching.

Eight churches, having in the aggregate 326 members, of whom 67 were received during the year on confession of their faith.

One Theological Training School, nine students.

One Girls Boarding School, sixteen pupils.

Five Common schools, with an aggregate of 179 pupils.

Amount of contributions by the people, $1242.07 Mexican cy. equal to $993.50 gold.)

Also the number of Bibles ans portions sold through the mission agency was 1498, receipts for the same being $ 417.94

The sales of other books, religious and educational, together with the subscriptions to our religious periodicals amounted to $ making the total cash receipts in the Book department of our work $ 1,546.34, which sum exceeds by $421, the corresponding amount for last year.

Although the number of new converts received to our churches was less than on some previous years, progress has been made in other important directions, as the following items regarding the stations and out-stations will indicate.

STATIONS.

Chihuahua.

Mr. Eaton says: "The hard times in this city have forced some families to leave us, so that the average attendance at our ordinary meetings has been about at a standstill; except in the case of our Sunday school, where the attendance has been larger during the past few months than ever before for the same length of time." x x "While additions to church membership have been small, the activity of the Sociedad de Esfuerzo Cristiano has been exceedingly helpful to the spiritual life of many. The monthly foreign

missionary meetings,on Sunday afternoons at the North chaple,have been conducted by this society,to the profit of all attendants,and have contributed the respectable sum of $25.90 to the treasury of the Board." x "The special meetings held during the Week of Prayer and those of Holy Week,have been largely attended,and have led us to feel that such special efforts are adapted to arouse the interest of our Mexican people,even more than similar efforts in the U.S. are fitted to awaken the congregations there." - The same may be said with regard to the "special meetings" held from time to time at each of the different stations. - The Bible and colporteur work conducted from Chihuahua as a center,has been remarkably large During all the year a colporteur has been employed,and a part of the time two. The total cash receipts from sales amounted to $1,474.36 .

C i u d a d J u a r e z. Since the arrival of the Wrights at this city ,one year ago,the average attendance at services has more than doubled. The demands upon the time and strength of our missionary,made by the school,have been great,but regular services have been maintained the whole year,and some special services held. All of the students have been employed in one way or another in evangelistic work. As a rule each one spends one half day of every week in tract distribution,and endeavor to engage with the unconverted on the subject of religion. They have directed about fifty public services,and are giving evidence of true consecration to the Master,and of fair ability in working for Him.

C o s i h u i r i a c h i c. Mr.Olds has already visited his field,and held a series of meetings. He reports both needs and encouragements great. The little band of believers,although having been left for the most part alone, have held steadily on. Meetings have been regularly continued, and through the faithfulness of the brethren other persons have recently become seriously interested in the truth.

E l F u e r t e. It is yet too soon to give account of work at this new station. It is situated in the northern part of the state of Sinaloa, in a region hitherto unentered by protestants of any denomination. The town itself has a population of only about 4,000,but the whole country about is thickly settled,the district having a pop. of not less than 30,000. The Bissells report a friendly reception on their arrival, and the field appears a promising one.

H e r m o s i l l o. The time and strength of the missionary, Mr.Crawford,have been largely given to overseeing the construction of the residence and school buildings which the Board has erected on their property in this city. This special work now lacks but little of completion, and the station will be comfortably housed throughout. The school which was closed more than a year ago has not been reopened,but is waiting still for the appearance of the long hoped for teacher. Attendance at services is not large,but the spiritual life,especially among the women,is excellent.

P a r r a l. The church at this place now numbers 75 members, more than one half of whom,however,reside at present out of town,

the most of them at small points only a few miles distant. At three of these points services are corresponding with those held in the city, are regularly maintained, with congregations averaging from fifteen to twenty-five. Notwithstanding the many removals from the central congregation, the average attandance has slowly but gradually increased. Mr. Olds' help since January has been most valuable, and one of the deacons has proved himself, during the repeated absences of the missionary, a helper of uncommon abilities.

OUT-STATIONS.

Atotonilco. A native preacher has been stationed here through the year, and a mission day-school is also maintained. No church is yet organized, the baptized believers, of whom there are a number, being counted as members of the Chihuahua church. Mr. Eaton, occasionally accompanied by his wife, visits this out-station every three or four months.

El Valle. Almost no progress can be reported for the work in this city, on account of Mr. Case's enforced absence of several months from his field, together with the great pressure in other directions, where the doors appeared more open. The missionary family now plan to take up their residence in El Valle for six months or more of the coming year, hoping thus to secure a hold which apparently cannot otherwise be gained in this important but somewhat fanatical town.

Las Cuevas. A steady and rather rapid development

has characterized the work in Las Cuevas. Nineteen new members were received to the church on confession. The hired room, which for two years has served as a place of meeting, has now become inadequate to the needs of the congregation, and the people have determined to erect a chapel of their own. Subscriptions sufficient to warrant the undertaking have been made here upon the ground; the lot is already purchased, and much of the building material now on hand.

The plan unites the substantial features of Mexican architecture, with some good American ideas. The house will have a capacity of 350, and will cost upwards of $700.00 It is expected to be ready for occupancy by the first of July.

M i n a s P r i e t a s. This is an important mining point in the mountains east of Hermosillo. Mr. Crawford speaks of the opening as being somewhat remarkable on account of the favors extended by by the principal owners of the mines, and the readiness of the people to hear the Word.

S a n B u e n a v e n t u r a. This lonely out-station is visited by Mr. Eaton once every four months. The little body of believers manage mostly for themselves, with God's help, for the balance of the year, and are pushing forward. Four new members were received.

S a n I s i d r o. Belonging to the Cosi station, which has been without a resident missionary, San Isidro has also been deprived in great measure of pastoral care. One of our best attended mission schools, however, is located here, under the care of a most ef-

ficient native lady teacher, Miss Orosco. Many children of Romanists are thus daily under protestant christian influence.

Z a r a g o z a. The removal in September last of the Loya family, who were the leaders in our work here, furnishing also the teacher of the mission day-school, had the effect to somewhat dishearten the little church. The regular services, however, are faithfully maintained. The prospect of reduced appropriations for next year affords little hope of furnishing the native helper and teacher so greatly needed.

E D U C A T I O N A L W O R K.

R i o G r a n d e T r a i n i n g S c h o o l. From Mr. Wright's first annual report of this school is gleaned the following: "The principal object in the establishment of the school has been kept constantly in view. We are here to train Mexican youths for the Christian ministry among their own people" x "Instruction was given to one young man fron the first (April 1890) but suitable buildings and arrangements to receive the others were not completed until the first of September. At that time four came, which number is now increased to seven, and with the two Americans, makes nine in training for the ministry. These seven Mexicans are all members of our churches in the state of Chihuahua, no candidates from the U.S. having been secured. "The two American students have been supported by the Am. Home Missionary Soc. which has thus shown its interest in the new enterprise." The industrial department, under the charge of Mr. Birlew, -one of the students, has proved a decided suc-

cess. Each student is required to work in the carpenter shop two hours daily. This not only affords them necessary exercise, but helps considerably in paying their expenses. "In their studies all have done fairly well, and some very well. We cannot expect to give them a thorough collegiate and seminary course, but we hope to give first of all a good knowledge of the contents of the Holy Scripture. The older ones we will limit to the Bible studies and send them out as soon as possible, while the younger ones of promise we will keep longer.." Arrangements have been made by which the New West Ed.Com. agrees to furnish the school a building of its own, and that society has already secured about $7,000.00 of the $10,000. which it aims to devote to this purpose. The arrangements will also include a transfer of the plant to the El Paso side of the river.

Girls' Boarding and Day School in Chihuahua.

The number of boarding scholars has ranged from ten to fourteen at one time, and sixteen different ones having been enrolled. In September, at the earnest solicitation of the Chihuahua station, Miss Prescott left her Parral work in charge of her most advanced pupil, and assumed the charge of instruction in the Chihuahua school. Miss Dunning was thus left free to take the place of matron, relieving Mrs. Eaton of this responsibility. Besides managing this department, Miss Dunning has the music pupils, the Bible lesson in the day school, leads the women's meeting, and is president of the Y.P.S.C.E.

Mr. Eaton says: "The work of Miss Prescott in Chihuahua has been very fruitful. The attendance of the girls has increased, and she has been able to admit a number of small boys. Her most important work has been that of fitting the more advanced pupils to be teachers, and one went to Atotonilco Feb. 1st to take charge of the school there for one year."

Parral Day School.

Since the departure of Miss Prescott the school has been conducted by her pupil Miss Martinez, who is a faithful teacher, but not as capable as we would wish permanently for this school. A number of bright boys, whom Miss Prescott was rapidly advancing, have discontinued attendance, A number of new pupils have, however, been received. The return of Miss Prescott will be heartily welcomed.

Atotonilco Day School.

The good work of Srita. Laura Zárate is seen not only in the increased attendance of pupils, and of the tuition paid, which now amounts to a little more than her salary ($15. per month) but also in a marked increase of attendance at the religious services. It is a remarkable fact that all of the tuition is paid by families that are nominal Roman Catholic.

In San Isidro some $13.50 monthly is contributed towards the teacher's salary of $30. the sum of $7. being paid by members of the congregation, and $6.50 by Roman Catholics.

OUTLOOK AND SPECIAL NEEDS.

The work in all departments is rapidly increasing in extent, and in

the urgency of its demands. New doors are continually opening, and although our force has been generously increased during the year, the needs of the field seem not to be in the least diminished.

With great pleasure have we learned that we may soon be permitted to welcome two additional lady teachers from the home land. They are greatly needed. Besides these there is urgent necessity of several native teachers for the out-stations which are as yet unsupplied with schools. It is expected that the Girls' school in Chihuahua will soon furnish them. Mr. Bissell has presented a strong plea for a native helper in his new field. Mr. Case is about to be left again alone with a yet larger work upon his hands.

Some of the Juarez students will render assistance where most needed during the coming vacation, and by another year several may be ready to begin regular preaching work; yet the prospect of diminished appropriations by the Board is paralizing to our otherwise bright hopes of securing the long needed native assistance.

We are grateful for the assurance that, as soon as possible, aid will be granted toward erecting in Chihuahua the church edifice so long hoped for in that central station.

The desirability of the Board's securing permanent quarters for its station in Parral, is becoming very apparent, and it is hoped that the Prudential Committee will ere long give the matter a favorable consideration.

Alden B. Case.

Las Cuevas, May 8th, 1891. Mission Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT of the Director of the

RIO GRANDE CONGL TRAINING SCHOOL.

Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, March 31st, 1891.

One year ago I was on the ground to make the beginning of this long-needed work While continuing my commission and work under the American Board, I have also considered myself as, in a very direct way, under the direction of the New West Ed. Com., since these two societies are cooperating so fully in the direction and support of the school. I came with the understanding that there was to be no distinction between the two societies in the management of the school, nor division of the funds provided by them. Each agreed to furnish $1,500 American money toward the expenses of the school, and while the American Board was to provide the director of the institution and the New West an assistant, the salary of neither was to be considered the especial part of one society, but all expenses were to be paid from the general fund.

In addition to the appropriation above named the American Board offered to give still more if it should be needed, as it was considered as somewhat of an experiment as yet, of which we could not estimate the cost with much certainty, and the New West gave a like assurance, altho' not by formal vote. On undertaking the work I expressed my intention to do my utmost to keep the expenses of the first year within the $3,000 appropriated. The enclosed statement of expenditures and receipts shows an unused balance of $7.20 !

The principal object in the establishment of the school has been kept constantly in view. We are here to train Mexican youths for the Christian ministry among their own people, and while we wish to help the community in which we live by giving their children a good education, while we would like to help all worthy young people in their efforts to gain an education, and while we would like to help the American children also who are in the vicinity, all these things have been undertaken only in so far as we could do it without hindering our work for the candidates for the ministry.

An elementary department was begun in September, taught by Miss Field, and continued until the last of December, when it was suspended by the ill health and consequent resignation of Miss Field. There were in all 35 pupils enrolled in this department, and good work was done. Miss Stahl was appointed to take the place of Miss Field, but she has not the Spanish language yet, and the department is not opened. Miss Stahl gives instruction in several classes and is preparing herself rapidly in the language. She will be a most efficient assistant.

Instruction was given to one young man from the first, but suitable buildings and full arrangements to receive the others were not completed until the first of September. At that time four came, which number is now increased to seven, and with two Americans makes

ne in training for the ministry. These seven Mexicans are all mem-
ers of our churches in the state of Chihuahua, no candidates from
he U S. having been secured. There have been several other appli-
ations for admission, two of whom will probably come next fall.
he others have not seemed to be of just the right quality. It is
ecessary to exercise great caution in this respect.

The two American students have been supported by the Am.
ome Missionary Society, which has thus shown its interest in the
ew enterprise, and its desire to help.

One of these students, Mr. Barlow, has been a great help
o the school by volunteering to direct an Industrial Department
ithout remuneration, making many repairs to the property and some
urniture for school use. Tools have been bought, and each student
s required to work in the carpenter shop two hours a day. This fur-
ishes them the regular exercise that is so necessary for their
ealth, keeps them at home while taking it, and saves the school
oney in many things that they can make in the shop. The 24 benches
f our chapel and the pulpit were made in this way. Several desks,
creens, good out-buildings, tables, chests etc. come from the same
ource. I consider it a very important part of the school, and one
hat ought to be continued. The fact that there has been no sick-
ess among the students I attribute largelt to this work.

In their studies all have done fairly well and some very
ell. They come with little education, and we cannot expect to give
hem a thorough collegiate and seminary course, but we hope togive
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imethat it seems best to keep them here. The older ones we will
imit to the Bible studies and send them out as soon as possible,
hile the younger ones of promise we will keep longer. With the
rowth of christian schools in the region around we hope to receive
tudents more advanced in elementary branches, and to have a more
efinite course of study, but in the mean time we must prepare some
o preach the Gospel and they must prepare quickly.

The present course does not leave much time for study for
he teacher, and he must be prepared on all subjects at short notice
rom a proof that the earth is round to the discussion of the kind
f a body that an angel has,(an illustration taken from today's ex-
perience in the school-room). It is the only way to begin, but it
akes the work so much that when the elementary department is begun
again I think that another male teacher should be supplied at once.
The school is constantly growing, and the teaching of so mant
branches is too much for one man to do his best in, to say nothing
of the direction of the boarding arrangements, the buying of all the
clothes of the students, and the preaching and pastoral work of an
important, if not large, Mexican church.

The regular services have been kept up the whole year,
in which I have preached nearly every sabbath. All of the students
have been sent out to do evangelistic work in one way or another.
As a rule, each one spends half a day of each week in tract distri-

bution and endeavor to engage in conversation on the subject of religion with the people. They have directed about fifty public services have taken care, night and day, of a sick man for three weeks until he died, have brought several new persons to the services, and are giving good evidence of true consecration to the Master and of fair ability in working for Him.

We are cheered by the promise of the New West to put us in suitable buildings, and hope to make them aids in the work that the Lord has for thsi school to do. A glance at the accounts shows that the rents last year cost us 752 Mexican, nearly twice as much as the board and washing of all the students. It is high time that we saved this annual outlay, and if we continue to rent the amount will be still higher for we will soon need more room than we now have.

With sincere thanksgiving for the privilege of helping in so grand a work we close the year. With strong desire and earnest hope we begin the new one, for there is much land to possess.

A. C. Wright.

A N N U A L R E P O R T

O F T H E M E x I C O M I S S I O N,

for the year ending March 31'st, 1892.

It is now five months since by action of the Prudential Committee the former "Western" and "Northern" Missions were united. This, therefore, is the first report of the reorganized "Mexico Mission".

Accompanying this report are tables of statistics, from which the following summary is taken.

Summary

The Mission now has 7 stations, and 10 out-stations.
There are 7 ordained missionaries, 7 wives, and 3 lady teachers.
Of native assistants there is 1 ordained preacher, 10 other preachers, 8 lady teachers, and 1 other helper, - a total of 20.
There are 20 places for stated preaching.
The total average congregation is 603.
Adherents 1,200.
There are 11 churches.
The number of church members is 488.
Received on confession during the year 68.

The Mission has
One Theological Training School with 15 students.
Three Girls' Boarding Schools with 98 pupils.
Eight Common Schools with 252 pupils.
The total number under instruction is 380.

The payments by the people amounted to $2202.02 - Of this sum nearly one-half was contributed for the erection of houses of worship, a considerable proportion being given in work.

The number of Bibles and portions distributed was 3,020.
The receipts for the same were $489.45
More than 130,000 pages of tracts were distributed gratuitously.
The sales of other books and tracts, including subscriptions to religious periodicals, amounted to $1660.27 making the
Total receipts from all books and papers sold $2149.72

e Publication Work of the mission, with the exception of an occasion-

tract, is confined to the issue of "El Testigo", a 16 page, illustra-

ted,bi-weekly paper,edited and published by Mr.Howland at Guadalajara. Improvements are constantly being made in the "Testigo". We believe that no more valuable protestant periodical exists in the Republic. New type and press are,however,greatly needed.

THE TRAINING SCHOOL.

The progress of the school during the year has been very encouraging. The number of applicants for admission has been in excess of the accommodations to receive them. One of the students will probably be licensed to preach at the Annual Conference of the mission in April. Several other students will take up regular evangelistic work during the summer vacation. The teaching force is inadequate,especially considering the fact that the director,Mr.Wright,has also the charge of the church and mission work in Jaurez. Since December Mr.Olds has been assisting him. He must,however,return to his own field at Cusi. A permanent associate for Mr.Wright is greatly needed. Some other needs of the school are,-funds for a reference library in Spanish; apparatus for teaching; a lathe for the work-shop,and more type for the press. The New West Ed.Com. is about to purchase property on the El Paso side of the river,and will erect at a cost of about $10,000. a permanent building for the school. It is hoped that the building will be ready for occupancy by the opening of the fall term next September.

THE STATIONS AND OUT-STATIONS.

CHIHUAHUA. Of much importance to the work here was the erection

of a two-story building for the Girls'Boarding and Day School. This may well be named Prudden Hall, in memory of the late Mr. Prudden of New Haven, Conn; whose legacy of $1,600. and $400. additional were appropriated by the Woman's Board for this object. The work was begun in April and finished in September.

Another item of great interest has been the preparations for the erection of the new church building. One of the finest lots in the city has been secured, distant only one square from the mission premises. For this object the native brethren have been making, during all the year special offerings, several pledging a fixed sum, with much self sacrifice. The plans for the building were drawn by Patton and Fisher, of Chicago. The cost will be about $8,500. the most of which amount is already secured. There is no doubt that this edifice erected at the capital, will exert a powerful influence in behalf of Protestant Christianity, not only in the city, but throughout the State and in more distant parts of the country. During the absence of the missionary for several months in the United States, the brethren of the church conducted the services, and continued remarkably faithful in their attendance. A spiritual revival is greatly needed and longed for.

The SAN BUENAVENTURA church was acceptably supplied during the last summer vacation by a Juarez student, José Ibañez, who is a member of the Chihuahua church. Sr. Teófilo Romero, has bought a large piece of ground almost adjoining the R.C. church, and has already begun to build a chapel at his own expenses. The building is 27½ feet wide by

55 ft.long,and the walls are now 8 ft.high.

In VILLA LOPEZ (Atotonilco) the almost self supporting school is the leading feature; but several persons have been baptised,and there is hope of organizing a church at no distant day.

CIUDAD JUAREZ. The evangelistic work at this station has been carried on largely with the help of the students. These have organized and conducted a Y.P.S.C.E. beginning with 17 and now numbering over 50 members. They are editing and printing a local monthly paper as organ of this society. During the last three months they have conducted 67 public religious services;have distributed on the street over 7000 leaflets of tracts and invitations to services,and have been the direct means of bringing several persons to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

CUSIHUIRIACHIC. The presure of work in other parts of the field, especially at C.Juarez,has prevented the missionary,Mr.Olds,from occupying this point, except for a small proportion of the year. It is expected,however,that he will soon return,and this time strongly reenforced in the presence of his new wife,formerly Miss Helen Bush of Iowa. During the past few months some excellent work has been done here by a native preacher,who announces some fifteen or more recent converts desirous of reception to the church.

Of SAN ISIDRO,the principal out-station of Cusi,little progress can be reported. A good mission day-school is maintained,the people sharing generously in its support. Frequent visits of the missionary are

needed in order that the work may advance.

EL REFUGIO is a new out-station of Cusi, a day's journey to the N. W. of San Isidro. Quite a remarkable work has developed here, due largely to the efforts of an American, Mr Maynard, who resides in the place. Several visits have been made by Mr. Olds, and a number of the converts have already been received to the church in Juarez. A pleasant little chapel has been erected wholly without aid from outside, and it is expected that a church will be formed during the coming year.

EL FUERTE. It is now just a year since the ground was broken at this new station. The missionary, Mr. Bissell, has not only visited quite thoroughly the town itself, conversing with the people, wherever practicable on Bible topics, but has acquainted himself with the surrounding field, having visited, and in many cases repeatedly, more than forty pueblitos and ranchos. In the town considerable infidelity has been encountered, yet the commencement of the work gives good promise of results. The Sabbath school now numbers about a dozen persons, and of late some of the members of the congregation are becoming much more regular in their attendance. No decided converts are as yet reported. A large number of Bibles and portions have been distributed, mostly by sale, and 18 subscribers have been secured to the "Testigo". The missionary has been very cordially received in all the country places, the people manifesting an unusual willingness to listen to the truth.

GUADALAJARA. Steady progress has marked the work of the year in this city. A society of Christian Endeavor was formed in May, and

has proved very successful. In addition to the care of the church in the city, the superintendance of the evangelistic work in the State, and the editing and publishing of the "Testigo", the missionary, Mr. Howland, has been largely occupied for the past year in the erection of the new church building now nearing completion. After securing the lot, a very desirable one in the center of the city, great difficulty was encountered in the opposition of the city government and the Romanist party in the town. A strong effort was made to prevent the erection of a protestant church in so conspicuous a place. By means of appeal to the general government the opposition was at length defeated, and the new building is so attractive in appearance as even to occasion words of praise from the enemies of the cause.

TLAJOMULCO. Of the two churches, pertaining to our mission, in the State of Jalisco, one is in Guadalajara, and the other in Tlajomulco. Here is located our only ordained native preacher, Rev. Miguel Magdaleno, who not only has charge of the church work but also that of the mission day-school.— At various other points in the State work is systematically carried on under the direction of native helpers, and considerable gain has been made. Several families of believers have recently moved into the city of La Barca, and of their own accord are doing in a quiet way what may prove an important work in that fanatical place. San Sabastian, Teocuitatlan, Teocatiche and Cuquio are other places of importance where we have helpers employed.

HERMOSILLO. Great opposition to our work has been encountered this city, so that the progress has been slow. Mr Crawford says

that the Roman clergy has been increased, new societies organized, and a very unusual vigilance exercised, so much so that every person who even visits the Protestant chapel is waited on, and in many cases threatened, or enticed to the extent of offering to baptize and marry for nothing provided he will let us alone in the future. The distribution of Bibles and tracts has been remarkable, and may account in part for the unwonted opposition. More than 2,000 copies, in whole or in part, of the Scriptures have been distributed since last July, at which time a young American colporter, Mr. Blachley, came under Mr. Crawford's care.

The school and residence building was completed last year. The woodwork, however, still remains unpainted, and Mr. Crawford reports that for want of an experienced builder to calculate, the appropriations made by the board for the building fell short some two or three hundred dollars of what has been already expended. The rooms are well lighted, cool and convenient, and the long needed teacher is eagerly looked for.

At LAS PRIETAS a native helper is laboring, and a house of worship is being put up. The nucleus of a new church has been formed here, two members having been received during the year. At La Colorada another native helper is employed. These are mining places in the mountain region east of Hermosillo.

PARRAL. For the past year the church has been mainly under the charge of one of the deacons, José Ronquillo, who while receiving no pay from the mission, has proved to be a helper of great value. The church

has gained in numbers, but the "hard times" have scattered the members so that the city congregation has averaged a little smaller than the year previous. The branch congregations, in the small places outside of the city, where the people are scattered, are four in number, one of which, that in Sombreretillo, averages an attendance of fifty or more, being about the size of that in Parral. The Board has just made an appropriation for the purchase of property in Parral, and the missionary family, for more than a year uccupying the out-stations Las Cuevas and Allende (ElValle) will soon return to settle permanently in the new quarters.

In ALLENDE some impression has been made . Two young men desire to receive baptism, and will soon be admitted to church relations Many others now come quite regularly to the services. Still others are not ashamed to show their friendship to the cause, but are as yet undecided to accept the Saviour pessonally.

LAS CUEVAS. The advance which the church at this place has experienced during the year is somewhat extraordinary. The church building was dedicated in January, at which time special meetings were held for a period of eight days. At some of the meetings the attendance exceeded 250 persons. Twenty-four were received to the church on confession. A society of Christian endeavor was organized and has done much to interest the young people in active christian work. Owing to the almost entire failure of crops last year the people have been reduced to circumstances of great need, some even suffering from lack of proper food. Many pledges, therefore for the new chapel are

of necessity still unpaid. AS the debt,however,is only about $300. one or two productive years will suffice to clear it away.

ZARAGOZA. Although but three new members have been added to the church ,many signs of encouragement have attended the work here. The mission day-school has been reëstablished, and large audiences meet the missionary on his visits. The church will be supplied during the coming summer with one of the Juarez students.

The churches of Southern Chihuahua ,including those of Parral, Zaragoza and Las Cuevas,have organized a district association of Congregational churches. The first meeting was held in Parral last October. The meetings are arranged to alternate with those of the Annual Conference of all the churches.

THE BOARDING SCHOOLS.

This department of the work has been very prosperous. The school under Miss Haskins charge in Guadalajara numbers more than 50 pupils,and an additional teacher is greatly needed. In Chihuahua there is a total of 75 under instruction,although but 22 are included in the boarding department proper. Chihuahua also awaits a new lady teacher,in order that Miss Prescott may be free to return to her former work at Parral. For a part of the time during the past year a lady teacher(American) has been employed in the Hermosillo school. She is not,however,under appointment of the Board,and cannot remain long. Thus the mission is now awaiting three new lady teachers for the Boarding schools. The Station at El Fuerte also

is asking for an American lady teacher.

As may be seen from the foregoing report, the work of the mission has fairly entered on its building period. Stakes are being strengthened;permanent foundations are being laid. The missionary cannot give as much time as formerly to direct evangelistic effort. Not as many converts are reported this year as on some former years. Some trials have been experienced on account of unfaithful members,and inefficient helpers. Such difficulties,however,were to be expected. The prospect indicates that the year before us will be one of unusual progress. Two,and perhaps three new churches are likely to be organized; houses of worship now under construction are expected to be finished. It is our hope that these attractive buildings will help greatly to draw new and more listeners to the Word. We realize that without the presence of the Holy Spirit souls cannot be converted,and for His presence with power we are praying.

Alden B.Case.

To Secretary N.G.Clark Cor.Sec.

Congregational House, Boston.

Allende, Mexico

May 25. 1892

A. B. C. F. M.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEXICO MISSION.

FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1893.

The report is from the pen of its Secretary, the Revs Alden B. Case -

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.

Sen. Foreign Secretary, A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Dr. Clark:-

I have the honor to send herewith the following report of our Mexico Mission.

This last year has been one of decided progress in every department of the work, and in some respects notable advance has been made. The MISSIONARY FORCE has been increased by the arrival of two ladies, Miss Holcomb, who is connected with the Girls' boarding school in Chihuahua, and Miss White, formerly of the Japan Mission, and now associated with ~~the~~ Miss Haskins in Guadalajara.

The total number of American missionaries and assistants is now nineteen. The roll of NATIVE HELPERS AND TEACHERS numbers twenty-three, being an increase of three over last year.

TWO NEW CHURCHES have been organized, one at Fuerte and the other at Cusihuirachic, making the present number of churches thirteen. ONE HUNDRED AND THREE NEW MEMBERS have been received on confession of their faith, the total membership of the churches now being 578, a net increase of 90 for the year.

Two commodious and attractive CHURCH BUILDINGS have been

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completed and dedicated, one at Chihuahua, the capital of the State of the same name, and the principal city of Northern Mexico; the other at Guadalajara, the famous capital of Jalisco. The erection of these buildings, in addition to the ordinary advantages resulting, has attracted much attention to Protestantism in their different regions, and has gained for it an increased respect.

A THIRD CHURCH EDIFICE also completed this year at the outstation Minas Prietas, while not comparing with the two before mentioned in costliness and appearance, is worthy of especial note for having been erected entirely by the natives and help received on the ground. The cost is placed at not less than $1,500.

NATIVE CONTRIBUTIONS. In spite of famine distress in many parts of the field there has been an advance in the offerings by the people, $2,940.34 being the sum total for the year. The larger part of this has gone into church building.

SALES OF SCRIPTURES. 3,642 Bibles and portions have been distributed, almost entirely by sale, the total receipts for the same being $1,268.85. The sales of religious books, subscriptions to religious periodicals, together with sales of educational works and other useful literature amounted to $1,795.13. The total receipts from the Book department of the work thus amounted to $3,063.98. In addition to this hundreds of thousands of tracts have been gratuitously distributed among the people.

THE TRAINING SCHOOL has had 14 students in attendance through

the entire year. Three of these young men, although not having completed the full course of study designed for those who follow, will go out to permanent work at the close of the school year. Two are to be located in the State of Chihuahua and the other in Sonora. On the whole very satisfactory progress has been made in the school since its beginning. Miss Stahl, who was appointed by the New West, and whose services have been highly appreciated, has now retired from the teaching force, and the need of a well equipped man to take her place and assume other duties, seems imperative. The Director, Mr. Wright, deserves commendation for the wisdom displayed in the management of the institution and the degree of success which it has attained.

THE GIRLS BOARDING SCHOOLS in Guadalajara and Chihuahua have enjoyed a year of steady progress. More promising girls are applying for admission than the present appropriations will admit. For lack of suitable teaching force the boarding department of the Hermosillo school has been abandoned. Some 21 day-scholars are, however, in attendance.

Two additional COMMON SCHOOLS have been established in the Mission, bringing the number up to ten. The total number now under instruction in all departments is 406, an increase of 26 over the last year.

Our Mission Periodical "EL TESTIGO" has decidedly improved, especially in appearance, and its cirulation has increased. While the greater part of the work connected with it has been carried by

the editor, Mr. Howland, he has been aided by the other missionaries, some of whom have regularly furnished material for each issue, and others have sent frequent contributions. We believe that no more attractive and useful paper is published in the Republic.

NEW PROPERTY. Since the last report the Board has bought property in two stations, Parral and Cusihuiriachic, thus providing permanent and comfortable residences for the missionary families, and also ~~xxx~~ furnishing good temporary accommodations for schools and services.

BRIEF ITEMS IN DETAIL FROM THE STATIONS [redacted].

CHIHUAHUA.- The most important work of the year has been the erection of the new church edifice, which was dedicated Nov. 12. The spiritual life of the church is good, especially considering that so much energy was given to building.

SAN BUENAVENTURA, owing to pressure of other work, was not visited by Mr. Eaton. A flourishing society of Christian Endeavor exists there and five persons are now awaiting admission to the church.

At ATOTONILCO (Villa Lopez) the day-school and regular services have been continued. Several new members have been received.

JIMENEZ is a new out-station of much promise. The town is on the railroad and has a pop. of about 5,000.

CIUDAD JUAREZ. The church here was under Mr. Old's care for a portion of the year, and since has been served by one of the students of the Tr. school. Fourteen were received on confession.

CUSIHUIRIACHIC as a town has lost greatly by a fire and consequent abandonment of an important mine, but a church of 25 members was organized Sep.24. 16 of these had been considered as members of the Chihuahua church and thus united by letter. Mr.and Mrs.Olds have been very active in visiting the surrounding places.

(GUERRERO, of which city San Isidro is a suburb, is already occupied as an out-station and gives much promise. Eight persons are here seeking church fellowship. Jesus Maria, an important mining point was visited and seems to offer unusual attractions as a place for establishing work, but our force is not sufficient.)

FUERTE. Mr.and Mrs.Bissell are with reason very happy in view of the successful results of their efforts. On Dec.31 their church was formed with 9 members and more have since been received. The whole field of which Fuerte is the center appears remarkably open to the Gospel.

GUADALAJARA. The progress of our work in this city, if slow is continuous. The notable event of the year was the completion and dedication of the church building. The annual meeting of the Mission was held this year in Guadalajara in conjunction with the formal opening and consecration of the edifice.

The out-stations pertaining to Guadalajara have encountered varying success. The Protestants of Jalisco are subjected to much severe persecution. Faithful work is being done and the number of believers is slowly increasing.

HERMOSILLO. Notwithstanding serious trials on account of immorality in the native helpers, there has been encouraging advance in this field. Discipline seems to have had a wholesome effect, not only upon those directly concerned, but also upon the whole community.

~~As well as the helper Guzman at Las Prietas where a church was built, has already been referred to.~~ In the mining camp our coadjutor Mr. Guzman has built a church and home for the Mission worth at least $, raising the amount in the camp; which means get what he can and do the rest himself

PARRAL. Extreme suffering caused by failure of crops has been experienced in this field. Mr. Case, with assistance of friends in the States has been able to supply corn at comparatively low prices, thus relieving in a small degree the misery.. Friends have thus been gained. Severe trial has been experienced through the falling away of two prominent members of the church. The congregation as a whole has gained in numbers, and, it is hoped, in spirituality.

ZARAGOZA was supplied thro the summer vacation by a student from the Tr. school. Good work was done.

LAS CUEVAS has suffered most severely from the famine and on account of temporary removals the congregation has diminished in size. The DAY-SCHOOL in Parral has prospered well since the return of Miss Prescott. More than 60 have been on the roll, some coming from the out-stations. More would be glad to come could we assist, even partially, in the matter of expense.

ROOM FOR GROWTH in nearly every direction seems practically unlimited. The hands and the hearts of the missionaries are full. Calls for us to undertake more are many. We are, however, becoming and more of the opinion that concentration of effort is preferable to extension, until our force is increased.

Alden B. Case, Cor. Sec'y.

CONSTITUTION

of the

MEXICO MISSION of the AMERICAN BOARD.

Adopted at Annual Meeting in Chihuahua, June 6th, 1894.

Rec'd June 22, 1893

rticle I

NAME.

This organization shal l be called: The Mexico Mission.

rticle II

MEMBERS.

The members shall consist of all the missionaries and assistant missionaries of the A.B.C.F.M. in Mexico. Each Station shall send one delegate to every meeting of the Mission, and should there be more than three full voting members connected with the Station, it shall be entitled to an additional delegate.

When woman's work need to be represented at any meeting, the Station may appoint a female delegate to represent that work.

In meetings of the Mission, every male delegate present, having arrived at the age of twenty-one years, and having been one year a member of the Mission, is entitled to vote.

In the consideration of questions touching their own work, female delegates are to h ave an equal voice

and vote with the men.

If for any reason a Station cannot be represented by a male delegate, it may appoint a lady delegate, either married or single, with full voting powers.

Article III

OBJECT.

The object of the organization shall be the advancement of the work of the Mission in all its branches and the recording of its history.

Article IV

OFFICERS.

Section 1.

The officers shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Committee on the Publication of "El Testigo" (to consist of an Editor and two Associate Editors), a Board of Visitors of the Training School, a Committee for the Examination of Missionaries in the Vernacular, and a Building Committee.

Section 2.

The duty of the President shall be to preside at all meetings, and, at the request of a majority of the Stations, to call meetings at such time and place as may seem best; also to receive all propositions which may be made, submitting them to the vote of the Mission as here-in-after provided.

Section 3.

The duty of the Vice-President shall be to fill the office of the President in his absence or disability.

Section 4. The duty of the Recording Secretary shall be to keep a car eful record of the proceedings of the Mission.

Section 5. The duty of the Corresponding Secretary shall be to prepare the annual report of the Mission and forward the same, together with the Station reports, to the Secretary ofthe A.B.C.F.M.; also to obtain and report to the President such votes as may be taken by correspondence, as here-in-after provided, and to record such items as shall help to form an accurate history of the Mission.

Section 6. The duties of the Comittee on Publication of "El Testigo"shall be to decide in regard to all matters connected with the paper not arranged for by the Mission as a whole, and to present yearly estimates of the appropriations needed.

TheEditor shall also publish the paper.

Section 7. The Board of Visitors of the Training School shal l consist of two members of the Mission, elected annually, to act, if possible, in conjunction with representatives of the American Education Society.

Section 8. It shall be the duty of the Board of Visitors:-

1st. To visit the school once a year.

2d. On consultation with the Director, to decide regarding the admission and continuance

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3d. To decide all questions of administration and discipline that may be referred to them by the Director, and to make to him such suggestions as may seem advisable.

4th. In union with the Director, to engage all assistants not provided for by the supporting Societies, and to determine upon the course of study.

5th. To present a written report at each annual meeting of the Mission, together with an estimate of the amount required for the support of the school for the ensuing year.

Section 9. The duty of the Examining Committee shal l be to arrange for the examination of new missionaries in accordance with the Hand-Book, and to report the result at the annual meeting.

Section 10. The duty of the Building Committee shall be to consider all plans for building, or for the reconstruction of buildings, for Mission purposes.

Section 11. The officers shall serve for one year., or until their successors shall be elected.

Article V. DUTIES AND PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERS.

Section 1. All voting members shall be eligible to any office.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of each member to serve on any committee to which he or she may be appointed, unless

released by vote of the Mission.

Section 3. No member of the Mission shall be transferred from one Station to another except by the voice of two-thirds of the voting members present at an annual meeting of the Mission, or by a two-thirds vote of the Mission taken in accordance with Article VI., Section 4, of this Constitution.

Article VI AMENDMENTS, BY-LAWS, QUORUM, VOTE by CORRESPONDENCE.

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended by the voice of two-thirds of all the voting members present at any meeting of the Mission.

Section 2. By-laws may be presented at any meeting, and adopted by the voice of two-thirds of all the voting members

Section 3. present. A Quorum shall consist of one-half of all delegates present,- provided that one-half of all the Stations be represented.

Section 4. It shall be the privilege of each Station, at any time, to present in writing, through the President, any subject for action by the Mission, by means of a circular letter. The approbation of two-thirds of all the persons authorized to vote, in accordance with Article II of this Constitution, shall be necessary to legalize any prodedure. The result shall be announced by the President, through the Corresponding Secretary.

Mexico Mission. - Chihuanua Station and Out-stations.

Report for the year ending March 31, 1894.

[To accompany the Statistical Report].

[1] In the Missionary Force, there has been no change; but we are about to lose Miss Holcomb who feels constrained, on account of imperfect health, to return to the United States. We are very sorry not to be able to keep in the service one who is so well qualified, by both training and experience, for work in the school room. Also, for a period of between three and four months Mr. and Mrs. Eaton, owing to the illness of the former, were absent in the U.S. Grateful acknowledgment is made of the help rendered for the greater part of this time by Mr. and Mrs. Olds. Messrs. Case and Wright also spent some days here.

[2] Evangelistic Work. There have been ~~but~~ eleven additions to the church by confession; one of the two deacons has moved to El Paso, and several other families have gone away, in the hope of bettering their condition materially. Yet new hearers have been gained, so as fully to sustain the numbers at ordinary servicess; and at special meetings held, as the first anniversary od the dedication of the church edifice, the Christmas celebration in December, and discourses illustrated by means of the lantern for the past two and a half months, the attendance has often been very large, obliging us to bring in seats from the small chapel.

The women's meetings have been well sustained, and a few of the more consecrated ones have made a large number of visits in the homes of the people. These few women of large faith have also held a special meeting together each week, for some months, praying for an out-pouring of the Spirit upon this church and city.

In the matter of benevolent offerings, as compared with the preceding year, there has been an advance in some directions.

The Christian Endeavor Society has but few male members; yet its members

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have made visits and distributed tracts; and it is responsible for the missionary meeting each month. Two members who have recently gone to other parts of the State, have there organized C.E. societies.

We have been notably helped by the possession of our beautiful church edifice, which has been opened nearly every week day in the afternoon, since the dedication; and in November it was shown that, during the first year, visitors had come to see the building from forty different towns in this State; and in several of these towns as many as four, five, six, seven and even eight different families have been thus represented. Of course many people from other States and from the United States have visited the building, amongst them Ex-postmaster-General John Wanamaker, family and friends, who attended our morning worship on Easter Sunday,- Mr. W. giving us a most instructive and stimulating address.

Since the middle of January last, the small chapel has been opened every evening for a couple of hours as a Reading Room, with a most encouraging attendance of young men, ranging from two or three to sixteen, with an average of five or six.

The first Sunday in March we began to use the new Himnario Evangélico, and particularly enjoy not having to explain to outsiders who occasionally attend, that we do not belong to the "Iglesia Metodista Episcopal," whose denominational stamp was impressed upon so many of the pages of the old book which had been in use since the beginning.

[3] Educational Work. The Boarding School was flourishing during the larger part of the year; but owing to the scarcity of funds, a number of the pupils had to be dismissed, two of the more advanced taking charge of country schools in which they are doing good work. The day school also has had a fluctuating attendance, the kindergarten department having the larger proportionate number of pupils. Last fall, largely through the influence of Miss Holcomb, new and improved desks were secured for the grammar department. And the efforts of Miss Dunning to obtain a new musical instrument for the school, led to the gift of a memorial

rgan, made by Mason and Hamlin, to commemorate the Christian life of Mrs. Caroline atton Hatch, late of Paterson, New Jersey.

Out-stations:-

Jimenez.- The same native helper, Sr. Gregorio Rodriguez, has continued in harge. While he is a pretty good preacher, considering his very limited educa-ion, he does not do much visiting from house to house. A dozen copies of evan-elical papers are circulated, and attendance upon meetings has somewhat improved, s has been the case also with the sum of weekly offerings. But only one person, man, has made confession of faith, and the spirit of opposition to the gospel is trong.

Villa Lopez [Atotonilco].- This place, only five leagues distant from the for-er, has had the services of the same helper through the year, on part pay. The pecial feature here is the day school, in charge of the helper's daughter, which raws pupils from several of the best families, and which has received over eighty ollars in tuition. A part of this was used to purchase a sixty-six pound compo-ition bell, which calls the children to school, and at other times informs the peo-le of the hour for religious meetings. Three have been received to church embership. Eight copies of evangelical periodicals are taken. Sr. Montoya has lso made several visits to Allende and Rio Florido, meeting in the latter place ith considerable encouragement. Just now he and his daughter are feeling rather iscouraged because of the great display of enthusiasm by the people over the irst visit of the bishop, who has promised a hundred dollars toward the establish-ent of a parochial school.

San Buenaventura.- This place has had no preacher, except for the services a student in the summer vacation. The church celebrated its fourth anniver-ry last October in connection with the visit of the missionary, presenting to e public an elaborate program. At this and several other meetings, the attend-ce ranged from fifty to one hundred persons. Five new members were received.

The chapel has not been finished, because of Sr. Romero's lessened income, through short crops.

Lack of competent native agency is keenly felt, -especially in the capital city, Chihuahua, where the missionary is obliged himself always to occupy the pulpit, if he can possibly be at home. This limits him seriously in his touring work; and the large demands on his time made by the work of the mission treasurer's office, leave but little room for cultivating the field at the central station. His visits in the homes of the people are mainly limited to those made necessary by sickness or special trouble. The flock cannot be shepherded as it ought to be.

Chihuahua, May 25, 1894.

James D. Eaton.

A.B.C.F.M.,

Annual Report of Juárez Station of Mexico Mission, and of Rio Grande Congregational Training School, El Paso, Texas, presented at meeting in Chihuahua, June 1894.

(In accordance with Rule 4, page 6 of Handbook.)

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The work in Ciudad Juárez has been continued steadily, and although church has suffered by the removal of many of its members, and has received new ones to take their places, the few who remain are thful, and sustain their services very well. Until June of last r Eugenio Rodriguez was in charge of the work, in connection with studies in the school. Since then José Ibañez has been in charge, ing half a day during the week to teaching the elementary classes the school. He has given good satisfaction.

We have changed the chapel from the location on the plaza, where "plaza de toros" immediately in front, and the games of chance and ces and saloons places there during the annual festival of the town iously disturbed the meetings, to a place very near the former sit- ion, on the property of the first member received to the church, ere we now have a very neat room, and house for the preacher with t advanced in such a manner as to secure it to us for over a year .

The school has had a prosperous year. Soon after the last annual eting Mr. Birlew left us, and Mr. John Spear came from Vermont and

illed his place for the rest of the school year. Miss Stahl, also, as called to go east by the New West Society, a month before the loseing of the school, and in accordance with the vote of the mission t the last Annual Meeting, which was adopted by the Advisory Com. of he school on May 29th, she went with the understanding that a man should be chosen to help in the school for the next year.

In connection with this action by the Advisory Committee, the following motion was passed:-

" That, in view of the present needs of the school and the number applicants for admission, we deem it highly important that an ordain minister already having the command of the Spanish language be ded to the teaching force of the school;

That in order to accomplish this object, we recommend to the ssion of the A.B.C.F.M. in Mexico, to the A.B.C.F.M., and to the w West Ed. Com., the transfer of Mr. Howland from Guadalajara to be sociated with Mr. Wright in the school, to begin next September, or soon thereafter as possible. "

As the time for opening the school came near, it became evident t this change could not be expected immediately, and I was obliged begin active search for help to carry on the school. After consider- e correspondence, it seemed best to go to Dallas to confer with eral persons there, hoping to secure a director for the Manual ining department whose wife should be matron, and thus reduce ex- ses materially. While there, however, I received a telegram from

the Prudential Com. instructing us to go to Guadalajara, and saying that Mr. Howland would be transferred to El Paso. This put a stop to the negotiations there, but as it was practically impossible to make the change indicated for the opening ofthe school, we were authorized the Com. to continue in the school, making the best arrangements we could for the year.

I began the school promptly, with the aid of José Ibañez only in t the class work, and Miss Ames as matron. . I expected to go through the year in this way, but by the advice of Mr. Eaton and concur rence of Mr. Howland, Mr. Hoblit was secured to begin with October, and has continued through the year, giving good satisfaction in the work.

The new students received to the school this year are, Jesús Valencia, from Hermosillo, on Mr. Crawford's recommendation; Demetrio Ibañez, and his son Samuel, not as boarders; and in January, Hermelindo Romero, Eduardo Montoya and Ramón Loya. Three left us in June to take up work among the churches, José Ibañez, in Ciudad Juárez, Eugenio Rodriguez in Sonora, and Epitacio Madrid in Namiquipa. The total number of students has been 17, of whom 14 have been boarders.

In their classes the students have done well. There have been fifteen recitations daily, beside five weekly ones, the branches studied being Arithmetic, Reading, Writing, Grammar, Geography and Map-Drawing, English, Chemistry, Algebra, Rhetoric, Anatomy, Book-keeping, Universal History, History of Mexico, History of the Reformatio, Bible

History, Greek, Homiletics, Biblical Theology, Bible Study, and Music.

During the three months of vacation seven students were occupied in evangelistic work, besides the thre who left for permanent fields. From reports made to me on their return I have compiled these data.

Miles traveled in going and returning from their fields,	4,476
,, ,, on their respective fields,	995
Number of services held,	140
Average attendance at these services,	25
Bibles and Testaments distributed,	54
Number of conversiones reported as result of this work,	19

Work opened in three new places.

During the school year they have all engaged in some kind of Gospel work, having sustained services regularly, in spite of great opposition, at The Smelter, three miles from here, and directed cottage meetings weekly on each side of the river.

The Printing Press has issued regularly "La Lección Ilustrada" which now has a subscription list of 850. This, with other matter, programs, 6000 scripture cards, various blanks for use in the school &c., have occupied the time of three students an hour daily during the year. Three others have been directed in carpentry work for the same time, and the others have had regular work in cleaning and caring for the buildings and property.

In conclusion I will simply say that to us this has been in all respects the most satisfactory year of the school so far.

Lectures of Brinsl & Eaton

REPORT OF CUSIHUIRIACHIC STATION.

Mr. and Mrs. Olds were called to Chihuahua in April at the beginning of the Mission year, and, after a few months, were transferred to Parral, so that, with the exception of three visits made during the year, no missionary has been on the field. Nearly all the Cusi members, as well as other people, have been obliged to go to other places in search of work, and for at least half the year the services have been carried on by but two families. The property of the Board is in good condition, and will be of service again, whenever work at the silver-mines is resumed.

Out-stations.

Guerrero. The outlook in Guerrero is encouraging. The town has been growing in population and importance, and a spirit of friendliness to our work is manifested on all sides. A number of the Cusi members are now living in this place, and one of the deacons, is employed on half-pay as a helper. Services are held regularly, and a number have professed conversion. 8 were received into the Church in January, and at present there are more than twice as many more who wish to be received at the first opportunity.

San Isidro. In this out-station the Church has held its own, and the services have been well-attended whenever a missionary or helper could hold them. The Mission-school has had a prosperous year under the same Mexican lady who has had charge of it for some years.

Nonigulpa. It is too soon to look for great results here, for it has been occupied but a few months. The native preacher has made many friends in the place, and is continually at work in the houses and in the fields, talking on religious subjects with everyone that he can find. Fanaticism has almost wholly disappeared. During the holidays our preacher secured the help of 18 or 20 of the young men, to learn parts in a Christmas exercise, that attracted a good deal of attention. Visits made during the year by Mr. Eaton, and by Messrs. Wright and Olds, were successful in that large numbers were brought out to attend the services held. The greatest need at present is a good school, for only 15 per cent. of the people can read.

El Refugio. This out-station has been visited but twice during the year, once by Mr. Olds, and once by Mr. Eaton, altho' the native brother, who is stationed in Naniquipa, about 25 miles away, has held some services. The chapel, built last year, and the large cabinet organ, belonging to the owner of the ranch, are great helps in keeping up the interest.

In several other small places we have believers, and in some of them services have been held, and a good deal of interest has been manifested. There are also several mining-towns, accessible from Guerrero, from 3 to 5 days journey, that are liberal, and could be profitably worked.

Parral, Mex. June 9, 1894 Otis O. Olds.

Mexico Mission.

Fuerte Station.

1893 — 1894.

During the past year growth in the church in Fuerte has been in character more than in numbers. Four have been added to the membership, — of whom three are heads of families, — and two candidates, men of considerable intelligence, have recently been received on probation. One of these is the direct fruit of the labors of one of the sisters of the church (she who was with us as Bible woman for some months) — in a distant pueblo, outside our district.

One of the younger sisters has been removed from us by death, her triumphant departure producing a profound impression in many minds and resulting in a largely increased attendance at services for a considerable time. Some of this increase has remained permanent.

The church has been obliged to erase one name from its roll on account of

lapse into immoral life. This was done sorrowfully, but unanimously, after all had been done that could be done, looking to the restoration of the fallen member.

The Sabbath School has shown a gain in membership, with an average attendance of about twenty-five (at present writing complete statistics not at hand). Its little library of some sixty-six books and tracts continues to be an important means of good.

The Society of Christian Endeavor, numbering fifteen active and four associate members, has done some outside work in the distribution of tracts and invitations. Its session work, beside an ordinary religious program, has included Old and New Testament study, and glimpses of church history in the period of the Reformation.

The Day school for girls has been continued during the year, in the hands of a native teacher, under Mrs. Bissell's immediate supervision. She feels, however, that it will scarcely be possible to continue it as it has been during the past year.

That group of twenty or more girls, practically dependant on us for schooling, constitutes a standing appeal for an American teacher, devoted and able, who can give her whole time to their needs.

Something was done in Fruita itself, during the past hot season, when travel is impracticable, in the way of a house to house canvass, — very insufficiently done however, from sheer lack of physical strength.

The work in the pueblos and ranches is that which has called for the greatest outlay of strength. Twenty-three preaching places may fairly be counted as quite "regular", altho the visits to these places are necessarily sadly infrequent. Five weeks of continuous travel (generally returning to Fruita for Sabbaths) — some 450 miles, — is necessary to make the circuit once. Practically it has not been possible to make it oftener than about once in two months.

The welcome given in nearly or quite all these places is encouraging. Permission

is freely granted to call the people together in some private house. Audiences of from ten or twelve, up to seventy-five hearers, come together to listen, and frequently remain after service to talk, questioning in a friendly manner. Acquaintance is broadening and deepening in all these points, and as well in some lesser ones intermediate. In not a few of them we may hope the Seed is taking root.

The average of congregations, as near as I can make it after somewhat careful count, is about thirty or thirty-five, making full average attendance of between seven and eight hundred.

In view of the extent of the work in this Station the Mission recognizes the desirableness of locating two native helpers, tried men, one in that part of the valley above the town of Fiwite, the other below, each to work a regular circuit, visited as often as possible by the missionary in charge. The district claims a population of thirty-two thousand. As yet the men

for this work are not at hand.

Henry M. Pizzell.

P.S. The church in Puente has contributed, out of very slender resources, for the relief of its own poor, for current expenses, lights &c., for the purchase of hymn-books, and of a small chapel bell. At this writing (being absent from our Station) the figures of these contributions are not at hand. They have also paid quite a little sum in school tuitions.

GUADALAJARA STATION.
Jan. '93 to May '94.
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The seventeen months of the history of this station, passed since the last Annual meeting, have been marked by no events of extraordinary interest.

In Guadalajara the new church edifice has been greatly helpful but the results have not been, numerically at least, all that we hoped. The lobby is almost invariably crowded, and from those who gather there, some almost always enter and listen during the whole or a part of the service. Of these a few, and I regret to say only a few, have become permanent members of the congregation. The attendance at the services has steadily increased, though slowly. The smaller room, though having a seating capacity of one hundred, soon proved too small for the prayer-meeting, which adjourned to the larger room. A number of names have been removed from the roll, being mainly of persons who had been living at such a distance that it was practially impossible to exercise any direct and personal watch over them; but such removals have been more than offset by new members received. There has been, recently, an interesting movement among young men, there being at times as many as twenty youths present who had no connection with the congregation. These came through the invitation of two or three who had "dropped in" some months since, and have been very constant in their attendance at all the services. Interesting discussions have been held with these same youths in the pastor's study. While our judgment, as well as past experience, indicate little probability of any of these being added to the church, owing mainly to persecution and prohibition on the part of friends and relatives; still, the movement is hopeful as it insures the disarming of the prejudice of quite a number of the leaders of the rising generation.

Death has visited the church and congregation five times during the first three months of the present year; removing, among others, one of the most faithful members.

The Society of Christian Endeavor has gone on increasing in size and efficiency. Its numbers have gone above sixty, and the fidelity and activity of its members has become more and more marked Thousands of tracts have been distributed, neighborhood meetings held, monthly missionary concerts mantained, flowers supplied for the pulpits, a creed class formed, and many other efforts carried out.

The School has secured better quarters, the building now rented being well adapted to the wants of the school in nearly every way, besides being better situated as regards health and respectability. The number of pupils has slightly increased, and most of the new ones have been of a rather better class than formerly. More has been paid than ever before, and there has bean general improvement in nearly all departments.

Press work has been nearly limited to the publication of "El Testigo", of which 650 copies are printed. The list of bona fide subscribers grows steadily, though the extreme poverty , resulting

from the long drouth has caused some to drop off.

A healthier and more central house for residence of the missionary has been secured, with a contract for two years.

The church in Tlajomulco has also had a quiet year under its pastor, Miguel Magdaleno. The school has been small, owing largely to a relaxing ofthe pressure formerly exercised by the government to secure attendance, and to the increased activity of the priests, whose schools have nearly absorbed those of the government. Night classes for Biblical and secular study have been constantly mantained with good interest. Some work has also been done in the neighboring ranches.

In San Sebastián little advance has been made. This has been due in part to the long and severe sickness of the wife of our worker there, Lino Pacas, occupying his time and distracting his attention. The three families of believers have been faithful and new ones are being interested. Don Lino has also visited, with some degree of regularity, two or three neighboring points.

La Barca, now in charge of José Lara, seems to me more discouraging than ever, and I am inclined to advise the discontinuance of our efforts there. It is now ten years that the place has been held, and it can hardly be said that there is a congregation there now, although there is no doubt that quite a number of persons have been converted.

Sebastián Ramos has made alternate trips to the south and the east, Citala being the principal point in the former direction and Ayo in the latter. In the hacienda of Citala the brethren have been unmolested and seem to be progressing fairly well in the Christian life, and the interest has extended to others. One has been received to membership, and there are several candidates. About twenty attend the services. In Ayo the priests have been very active and the civil authorities have cooperated with them, even going to the lenght of sending a force of armed police to suspend a service; prosecuting our principal member on flimsy pretexts; and practicing other forms of persecution. One family has moved away. The two other families seem to be growing in grace, and others are becoming convinced.

One family has been converted in Atotonilco, but has been obliged to leave the place. Others, however, have become interested and are being frequently visited.

John Howland.

Mexico Mission.

Hermosillo Station.

1893 – 1894.

This Station has been heavily bereaved during the year, its pastor, the Rev. M. A. Crawford, having been removed by death.

The present writer finds it impossible to prepare any proper narrative of the year's work. In May, a few weeks after Brother Crawford's death, we were in Hermosillo two weeks, finding the church faithfully maintaining its usual services under the guidance of the Helper, Eugenio Rodriguez. Mrs. Crawford was still able to remain for a time, and her presence was of undoubted value to the work.

From a summary furnished me I gather that there are two churches in the Station, with a membership of thirteen (X), of whom eleven have been ~~added~~ received on confession of faith during the year.

Three stated preaching places are reported, with an aggregate congregation of forty-two. The Sunday School membership is forty-five, and the number of adherents seventy-five.

Two students have received theological instruction.

(X) Mar Emilio McLean - 31 for 1894 asked him to send you the true figure.

Three pupils are reported in the Boarding School.

In two common schools there were twenty-four male and eighteen female pupils during the year.

The sum of Ten and $\frac{69}{100}$ Dollars is reported as miscellaneous contribution.

Henry M. Tissell.

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Hermosillo Sonora, Mar. 19/94.

Rev J. D. Eaton,

Dear Brother:-

Yesterday I sent on the Blank filled out as requested and now I send you a statement in general of the work here.

The work seems more encouraging now than at any other time in its history, although there is very little in sight. But the spirit is different and in the several cases of discipline there has been a genuine christian spirit shown among the members, even in ways that we did not expect. Last Sun. we tried the case of Victoria's father. He was very bitter at first and withdrew and said some hard things; but the Bretheen to a unit reproved him in such a way that he gradually broke down; and finally yielded and asked for forgiveness. It was a happy day for all, as it was a real victory for the Gospel, and they all recognized it as such. In every case of discipline this past year it has ended in peace and the repentence of the offender; except in one case. The work under Eugenio in la Colorada is also more encouraging. He seems to get ahold of the people. In the towns on beyond there is an open door but no one to enter it.

The sales of Bibles was not so great last year as the year before. The sales of other books has been very small also as Mr. B. almost dropped the sale of them all on amount of the strictness of the Bible Society in regard to carrying other books than the Bible. The whole number of pupils under instruction includes those of last as well as of this year. Of course the actual attendance is very much smaller

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I se in regard to the helpers for this field for this year we have only allowance for one helper , Don. Eugenio. We need one here and to take charge and help when I am not here There is a young man here who worked for the Bible Soc. last year and took sick and is now at work here for himself and shows an aptitude for the gospel work and is deeply interested. We think he will make a good worker with but little study. Now I wish to know if we can employ him and use any part of the unexpended appropriations to support him? Also I wish to know if the teacher Miss. Burrows is expected to attend the annual meeting of the Conference in Chi.? Also if Mrs. Crawford ~~can~~ showed go en case that MIss. B. cannot, if she would be expected to go at her own expense or would she go as delegate, at the Mission expense? Mrs. C. has never attended a meeting of Conference and I am not sure that she could arrange to go in June ; but I wish to know before hand how it would be in regard to the expenses there and back, in case she could arrange to go. Also if Miss. B. is expected to attend the meeting, there is no allowance made for her traveling expenses there and back. Many thanks for the Drafts that just came 400,00 $ in all. We are all well here Mr. B. is now in Mazatlan and doing well and expects to sell all that he has, in and around that place. We hope all are as usual with you

With best wishes to all I am sincerely yours

M. A. Crawford.

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REPORT of the PARRAL STATION.

Missionary Force. The missionaries in Parral at present are Mr. and Mrs. Otis O. Olds, and Miss Nellie Prescott. Mr. and Mrs. Case, who established the station, and have had charge of it until last August, are in the United States, whither they were obliged to go, for an indefinite sojourn, on account of Mr. Case's poor health. At the time of Mr. Case's departure for the hospital in Chicago, Mr. and Mrs. Olds were in Chihuahua, where they had been supplying for three months during Mr. and Mrs. Eaton's absence in the States, for the benefit of Mr. Eaton's health, but as the Eatons were on their return to Chihuahua, Mr and Mrs. Olds could be released, and, at Mr. Case's earnest request, went to Parral. When, two months later, it was found that Mr. Case would not be able to resume work for considerable time, Mr. and Mrs. Olds were asked to take charge of the Parral station, bringing such things from their home in Cusi as were most necessary. This seemed the wisest course, inasmuch as there was little need of their presence in Cusi itself, on account of the temporary abandonment of the mines. Had they stayed in their own field, it would have been necessary to have followed their Cusi members either to Guerrero, or to some other out-station, to take up their residence.

Property of the Board. The missionary residence in Parral is convenient and comfortable. The other piece of property, intended to serve as a building site for a church-building, in case adjoining property could be secured to add to it, altho' in a fine location, is not so well suited for the needs of the station. At present, one room, capable, perhaps of accommodating 100 persons, is used for church services, another for the school, and

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the smaller rooms for the missionary teacher and girls of the boarding school.

The Church. The people whom we are reaching, are with few exceptions, as in most of our stations, from among the lowest classes. 104 members have been received into the church since the first, 88 of whom are actual members, but only 35 are living in Parral. The others are scattered in ranches, more orless distant, or have removed to other places. Our congregations average about 50: the Sunday-school average for the past year being exactly 57 3/5. The spiritual life of the Church as a whole is good: a few, however, seem to have lostthe ir interest in religious things, and are never seen at the services. Om of thedeacons of the church, a corporate member, and one, who thru all these years has been conspicuous for his faithfulness and activity, decided early in the year, that it would be necessary for him, in order to support his family, to keep his store open on Sundays, and since then has rarely attended services. His example has beenmoreor less harmful, for he was a man of a great deal of influence. The Sunday question, in a mining town where all the men are paid on Sunday, and where most of the business for the week is done on Sunday, is one of the hardest questions that we have to deal with. Another brother, formerly a deacon, who had been led away by infidel books and papers and whose case had been taken up as a case of discipline, previous to Mr. Case's departure, has been, in a measure, reclaimed.

Attitude of the Parral People. The general attitude of the people of Parral towards us is one of indifference. Now and then persecution will break out against some poor brother working in the mines, and the ignorant people in general, insult the Protestants whenever they can, but it is not so bad as in

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some places. The better class are very largely adherents of the Roman Catholic church, there being but few of the so-called free-thinkers. The visit of the bishop, at the time of writing this report, the first which has been made for about 20 years, has brought to the surface a great deal of latent fanaticism, as well as devotion to the Roman church, of whose existence we were not aware. Thru the Faro and Testigo and thru the sale of books and Bibles, we are reaching a number both in Parral and in neighboring towns, whom we could not expect to reach in any other way. The receipts from books and papers for the year ending Mar. 31, including a part of the sales in the Cusi field, were $409.62, of which more than half was for evangelical literature. 248 Bibles and portions of Scripture have also been sold for $71.75. The work of a faithful colporteur, Sr. Florentino Piña, who came to the field from Cusi in November, is also doing something to extend the influence of the Gospel.

School Work. The Mission school has been carried on during the year by Miss Prescott, with good attendance and good results. As many have attended as could be accommodated, altho there have been very few from outside our Christian families. Girls living near Parral have been so anxious to attend school, that they have been received, one after another, until, altho we have had no appropriation for a Boarding School, seven girls have been admitted. To make room for them, some changes and repairs were made, and a stable in the back part of the property used for the school, converted into a dormitory, at an expense of about $125, Mexican money. The expenses of running the school have been met by Miss Prescott, with the help of one or two friends. Miss Prescott also deserves great credit for having carried on both the day and night schools with the youngest class.

J. L. B.
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Chihuahua Station and Outstations.

[To accompany Stastistical Report for the year ending March 31, 1895.]

This year again we have to record a change in the missionary force, Miss L. M. Holcomb feeling constrained to retire on account of the impaired state of her health, and her place being filled by the coming of Miss M. L. Harmond, of whom fuller mention is made in connection with the report from the girl's school at this station.

Miss Dunning also was absent from her post over seven months, having been granted leave of absence to visit her friends after more than five years of service on the field, which leave was further extended to enable her to pursue study in Brooklyn, N. Y., in preparation for her work.

(1) The mother church has added eleven members, on confession, and some by letter; but the former have been exactly offset by those lost through death and exclusion, - by far the largest loss sustained in its history) ~~Within a period of less than two months we were called to part with three of our most highly esteemed~~

members; - one of them being an honored deacon who had served the church in that capacity for more than six years, and whose death chamber was a place of noble witnessing for Christ, notwithstanding great bodily suffering; the others being young women of most attractive personality and lovely Christian characters.

Quite early in the year steps were taken toward the disciplining of members who have long been unfaithful; some having apparently lost their faith, if they ever had any, and having absented themselves from our meetings for years, and others having fallen into sin and remained obdurate in spite of efforts made to reclaim them. Admonitory letters were sent to these, and after abundant opportunity given them for defense or explanation, and numerous meetings held by the church for the consideration of their cases, eight of these, three men and five women, were by unanimous vote, excluded from membership. In regard to some of them, the church was thus fulfilling a duty which had been neglected for years: ~~for~~ No person had before been excommunicated since the church was formed in the spring of 1886. The result

has been salutary in raising the spiritual tone of the remaining members.

Continued experience ~~but~~ the ~~same~~ station confirms ~~us~~ in the opinion that it is wise to improve the opportunities for special meetings. Excellent attendance and deep interest ~~have~~ marked the services for Christmas, New Years, the Week of Prayer, Holy Week, and our other special occasions of minor importance. A new feature for this year was the prayer-meeting an hour before sunrise on New Year's morning.

The greatest interest on any single day was shown in connection with the visit of Messrs. Moody and Sankey, on Sunday, March 31, ~~1895~~, when these evangelists spoke and sang at three services, one in Spanish, and two in English, when nearly all of the seats from the two Protestant houses of worship, collected in our own edifice, were filled. ~~Our~~ The visitors were particularly pleased with the singing of the Mexican congregation, and ~~got~~ it to sing once at each of the other services.

(Early in November there was organized a Temperance Society for men and youths) ~~E~~which continued its sessions through the winter and furnished both a useful means of accustoming the mem-

bers to public speaking and the orderly conduct of a business meeting, and a valued opportunity for the missionary to come into closer relations with some members of his congregation whom his multifarious engagements do not permit him to visit, except at rare intervals.

At the annual meeting of the church, held in May of last year, a step was taken looking toward the support of a native ministry, in the form of making pledges amounting to over ten dollars per month, for meeting the expenses of a student in the training school. These sums were pledged entirely by the Mexicans (~~no missionary offering any aid~~. At a subsequent meeting, two candidates were presented for receiving this aid, - and the choice fell on Francisco Talamantes. For a time the pledges were paid with great fidelity, but the young man came here to pass his vacation, ~~engaged in teaching young women how to embroider in a certain way, and in selling the materials for this~~ did not return to his studies in September, and finally announced his decision to abandon further preparation for the ministry.

This has had an unfortunate influ-

ence upon our people, bringing considerable discouragement in their first effort toward the support of a native ministry. They continued to give, ~~however~~, quite generously for meeting incidental expenses and for placing twenty-five copies of "El Testigo" in the families of the congregation; and they have ~~just sent to aid~~ ~~will be able to help some~~ ~~Treasurer Wiggin~~ one hundred and twenty-five ~~outside~~ ~~expense~~ ~~though not to the extent~~ dollars, silver, for the work of the Board. ~~we hoped for last Conf.~~ In past years they gave continually in aid of construction of a church edifice here: but since our building was completed and finally, a year ago, was entirely paid for, they have not needed to contribute further to that object.

The meeting for women continues to be well sustained, the attendance varying from eighteen to forty, the average for the year not falling below twenty-five. Two persons report an average of thirteen visits per week made in the city.

Out Stations:

At Jimenez in September, a new helper, ~~Domingo A. Hata~~, began work, and has met with great encouragement up to the present,

attendance at services having more than doubled.) ~~It~~ shows clearly the beneficial results of training received in El Paso. Four times during the year have I revisited that point, going on to Villa Lopez [five leagues distant], in connection, and receiving new members in both places. The day school in Villa Lopez was almost deserted by its pupils for a time, through the starting of rival schools, one by the Romanists, and the other by the government, which held out great inducements. But these promises have not been fulfilled, and many of the scholars have returned so that the teacher feels rewarded for having held on.]

It has not been practicable for me to visit San Buenaventura; but a student labored with the church there in the summer vacation; and the "church that is in the house" of Don Teófilo Romero remains faithful, though without the help of a missionary or of a resident native preacher.

Namiquipa has been the place of residence of Señor Eustacio Madrid, who has made many visits to other points; but in the town itself little or no progress has been made. July nineteenth, only

one week after I had visited him, Mr. Chas. H. Maynard, who had encouraged us to locate the preacher there, was foully murdered in his own house by an unknown hand. Soon was it charged by our enemies that Madrid, acting under my orders, had hired an assassin to do the dreadful work. Finally in January last he was arrested and taken to Guerrero and placed in confinement, to be held for trial. But he appealed to the supreme court of the state; my own efforts were actively engaged in his behalf; and after eight weeks of imprisonment, by decree of that court, he was set at liberty. It has seemed best to abandon Namiquipa.

Some five or six weeks of last summer were spent by myself and family, chiefly in Guerrero and San Isidor, with a special tour to Bachiniva, San Gerónimo, and Namiquipa.

The native helper, Cristóbel Gonzales, supported in part by the mission, is faithful according to his ability, and he has gathered some fruits. On a tour made in April, since the statistical year closed, congregations there were good, and eight new members were received. Some are ready to contribute toward the erection of

a house of worship, if outside help can be secured. Some of the best families of the town sent representatives to our meetings, and a resident missionary could accomplish much there. In Bachiniva, Sra. Dolores Almeida, V. de Blight, is fully resolved to build a chapel, upon which she expects to expend nine hundred dollars. She has several hundred of this in hand besides the lot and expects to begin work in January next.

The day school in San Isidor continues to be the centre of Christian life in the place, under the lead of Señorita Jesusita Orozco, having thirty-nine pupils enrolled. We are sorry to learn that she feels constrained to leave her post in June next, to live with her widowed mother, and earnestly hope that her place may be supplied.

Cusihuiriachic has begun to revive. The new mining superintendent we found on the ground, with about fifty men at work. By degrees more will be added, and in five months more, he hopes to operate on a larger scale, beginning to pump the water from the lower levels. A few families have held on through all these five years of disaster;

and now others are returning, in the hope of better times.

From other points where missionaries have not been come tidings of interest in the gospel. It is greatly to be desired that a missionary should be sent again to care for that extensive sierra region, which offers so much of encouragement, but which cannot begin to be cared for as it ought, by one resident in Chihuahua.

James D. Eaton

Chihuahua, May 23, 1895

Mention might be made of the services in English, continued through the year, for the sake of foreign residents, at which the attendance has been larger than ever before, rising to 78 on Easter Sunday. While the conduct of this service in the afternoon, in addition to those of the morning and evening, is quite a tax upon the strength, it has seemed very important not to omit it.

Report of the School Year of 1894-1895.

El "Colegio Chihuahuense" has had enrolled during the year 97 pupils, 21 of these boarding pupils, of whom 14 are church members. During the school year 47 new pupils have been admitted to the various classes. ~~and we feel that~~ The outlook for the school is hopeful. The absence of teachers at the usual time delayed the opening of the new school year until Oct. 15th. But the boarding girls who come from distant parts of the state, began to gather in September and were kindly received by Mrs. Eaton, who was a "mother" to them, and taught music and English in the school until Miss Dunning's return. The older girls have also assisted with the Primary classes.

For the first time in the history of the school, death has entered our circle and taken from us one who had been but a little while in this, to her, beautiful new life. She passed on to the celestial country with her faith strong in her Saviour.

For the second time, also, the marriage bells have been rung for one of the persevering day pupils. She had thought to be a teacher, but has decided to devote her energies to a school of one.

(Miss Dunning who for five years has been

connected with the school as matron and teacher, ~~and~~ ~~went~~ came home for her first vacation last June, returned in Jan. after having given special attention to study of the Kindergarten system at Pratt Ins. in Brooklyn, that she might go on with that work in the Primary Department.

Instruction on the organ has been given gratuitously; but realizing the impossibility of drawing the line in giving lessons to some, and not to others, and feeling the necessity of securing the services of a music teacher, outside the missionary force, it was decided to give the lessons only to those who would pay $3.00 a month, or give the equivalent in work. This has been the cause of some dissatisfaction, but we believe the principle is a right one, and are inclined to go even further, and insist upon some compensation for board and tuition, except in special cases, when a scholarship may be awarded. Among ~~our~~ the boarding girls are some remarkably promising students, who with a few years more of careful training and preparation will undoubtedly make such teachers as will accomplish much for this people, more than American teachers can ever do.

One plan of the school has been to have each girl of the highest grade have practice in teaching by taking a class with the little ones. ~~And while~~

we have been obliged to depend on this assistance because of our numbers, it is a problem yet to be solved - if it will be wise to depend on such help in the years to come. Our work this year has suffered from much changing of hands in this line. One of the girls who was bright and promising, in whom we had placed much confidence, and entertained great hopes, proved to be so untrustworthy that she was the cause of much anxiety and many sleepless nights, after it was found that she was leaving her room when the others were asleep and going down to the dining-room, where there were previously arranged meetings at the window with one of the Chihuahua youths. But confidence was restored in her case when she asked to be forgiven and promised to "do so no more", only to be destroyed again, when a few weeks later it was found that they were having their visits together from the dormitory window on the other side of the house. Another member of the first class, who had received some compensation for teaching decided that she did not receive enough and was tired of teaching and did not care to continue her studies. Still another who had taught several months in the country and seemed ambitious to be fitted for a

teacher, after being with us for two months this year, decided that she could learn more and faster in the public schools, where she would have no domestic work, or any teaching to do, and left us without any notice.

These cases are cited to show that there have been difficulties to encounter as a consequence of the unreliability and untrustworthiness of some of the girls. These changes have necessitated rearrangement of classes and hours. But in spite of it all we believe there has been real solid progress made, and we hope for greater growth in the year to come.

The study of the Bible and the prayer-meeting are prominent in the course of instruction, and the Christian girls aid much in the meetings. The religious spirit of the school is good. The week of prayer was a season of blessing. ~~It has seemed as if we could see a~~ There has been a marked "growth in grace" among the girls since that week. Our first class girls have been studying the Bible in English for the last two months and we hope to have them continue doing so next year, as they can have access to more books of reference thereby.

Efforts have been made to interest the parents and friends of the school in the dai-

by work of its members. At the close of the Fall term in Dec. and again before the Easter vacation closing exercises were held in the afternoon, with a good attendance of parents and friends, all of whom were much pleased at the progress evident in the pupils. The exercises included music, recitations, essays, and examinations in some of the classes. Also, on Washington's birthday there was a special celebration of the day, with English essays on Washington written by members of the first English class. We have reason to believe that these occasions have been useful in many ways. Not only as preparing the way for the coming Government examinations, by giving the pupils more self-confidence, but actual instruction to some of the more ignorant parents, one of whom is a good Christian man, and has four children in our school; never having seen Geographical maps, observing one which had been drawn on one of the blackboard panels, asked if those marks were to represent serpents? And when told that it represents our Continent of North America "opened his eyes in wonder".

Our older girls have had from time to time this year, written examinations on the various subjects studied, in which they have manifested much interest. Some were surprised to see how poorly they had done, and others equally

surprised to find how nearly perfect they were. All has helped to stimulate them to more and better effort.

The school has but one aim that of bringing souls to Christ. But to do this in Mexico, a nominally Christian country, and where much is being done for the cause of education, needs all the helps which can be secured, with great tact and perseverance.

It can never be what we wish until we have larger and better accomodations and until they compare more favorably with those of the Roman Catholics. Those who have no preference for the Protestant religion will naturally patronize the school which has the most comfortable and attractive accomodations. Miss Hammond in closing her report says:"

The perplexing question this year has been whether to continue to admit all who apply, or draw the line at a certain number, knowing that it is absolutely impossible for two teachers to do justice to so many ungraded pupils. We have found it necessary to have 28 classes besides the Kindergarten Department. There is no question about the value of the work of visiting among the families of the day pupils, thus bringing the teacher and pupils to know more of each other and enabling the teachers to know more of the needs of the

pupils. As much of this has been done this year as has seemed possible, but not as much, by any means, as is desirable. We all know that it is a part of the work which [if one enters into sympathy with the people] taxes the strength and should not, to accomplish best results, be done when one's strength is already exhausted with the day's work. This is another felt need for more assistance in ~~the teaching~~ force. We have found ourselves very much cramped for class-work room. It having been necessary most of the time for one class to recite in the Girls' Dining-room, which has necessitated their passing through two courts to reach it, and two or three classes at a time in the main school room. This is not only contrary to the new Gov^t. School laws, but as we all recognize, very detrimental to the accomplishment of good work in the classes.

The best welfare of the school calls for at least two more recitation rooms, unless it should be decided best to limit our number and thereby have fewer classes.

It is hard to turn from the doorway of life and usefulness those who are asking admittance, but harder still to send out those who have already passed the threshold. To us who have many times been strengthened in the

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difficulties of this work in the past, the hope is strong, that opportunity will at last be given for its full and free development.)

M. L. Hammond.

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A. C. WRIGHT—DIRECTOR.

El Paso, Texas.....

ANNUAL REPORT of the EL PASO and C. JUAREZ Station of the Mexico Mission. 1894 - 5.

Church Work.

Our church in El Paso has had no pastor during the year. Domingo Mata was in charge for the three months of the school vacation, and did good work. On returning, I took up the work with the help of the students, three of whom preached a month at a time in turn, very acceptably. Our building, the one put up by Mr. Birlew with the help of the students, was altogether too small for our needs, and although we had no immediate prospect of help, we began to plan for a new one, and little by little the way opened before us, until by the beginning of the present year we had a new chapel finished and practically paid for. Toward this we received from the Church Building Society $200 to buy the lot and $200 toward the building. The total cost of the building as it stands was a few cents less than $500.

There have been received to church membership during the year twenty-two persons, fourteen being by confession of faith. Our services have been well attended, averaging over fifty at preaching services, sixty at the Sunday School, and forty-five at the prayermeetings; but there has been lack of warm spiritual life, due in part to the influence of two members who were formerly active workers, but who have

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been offended, and withdrew from attendance for some months. Both are back now, however. The lack of pastoral work is also felt, as regular class exercises almost prohibits that on my part, and the students are not in a position where we can expect much from them in that way. The women's meetings, directed by Mrs. Wright, have been a blessing to the church, and she is really the only one who has done pastoral work.

The church in Ciudad Juárez has not grown any, and several of the old members have moved away, leaving them very weak. Several meetings were held with discourses illustrated with the Magic Lantern, and they were very well attended, but the new comers were not induced to continue at other services. One very promising service was held at a point eight miles down the river, but it has not seemed possible to follow up the work.

Two of the students have held services in the ~~city~~ county jail in El Paso, and have done much good, reading, singing and distributing gospel literature. The result is seen in the signature of cards promising to begin a christian life by ~~ten~~ 16 of the Mexican inmates, besides several others Americans. This work is carried on in connection with a similar one by members of the American church.

The School.

No change was made in the teaching force this year, but a practical carpenter was secured to teach three classes of an hour each.

Six new students have been admitted as boarders and several as day-scholars, and we are trying to encourage the latter mode as far as possible.

The students have seemed to be more contented in the school than during any other year, due largely to the very excellent Mexican matron whom we have had. Mrs. Wright, however, has had to oversee all the buying as well as direct in regard to the work of the matron largely.

In their studies they have done fully as well as usual. I think that they are developing into earnest, manly christians. While I could wish for even greater improvement in many particulars, I am still glad to see that there is decided growth, and we may justly hope that God will bless some of these young men by using them in the establishment of his Kingdom among the Mexicans.

A. C. Wright

El Paso, Tex. May - 18 - 1895

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REPORT
of the
ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE TRAINING SCHOOL.

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The members of the committee have visited the institution, as required by the constitution, and would report themselves as satisfied and pleased with its condition. The year just passed seems to have been the most successful one of its history. The number of pupils has been larger, promising new students have been received, good work has been done along the lines of study and practical evangelical work, the moral tone has, apparently, been good, and a harmonious and contented spirit has prevailed among the young men.

As regards the coming year, your committee recommend the continuance of the present students, with the possible exception of two. While gratefully recognizing Mr. Hoblitt's conscientious fidelity, earnestness and success in the discharge of his duties, owing to the peculiar circumstances, we advise the discontinuance of his employment, and recommend that the director arrange the classes as best he can with the help of some of the older pupils.

The boarding arrangements seems to have been eminently satisfactory during the past year and we recommend their continuance.

May 28, 1895.

Committee { John Howland.
James D. Eaton.

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TRAINING SCHOOL. COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD. MAY, 1895.

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Annual Report — Fuerte Station.

1894 — 1895.

From May until November, 1894, the missionary and family were absent from their Station. During that time Sabbath School (attendance averaging eleven), Christian Endeavor Society, and prayermeetings were regularly mantained.

The Sabbath School has an enrollment of twenty-eight (28) (Mexicans); average attendance since November, twenty-seven (27); largest attendance thirty-seven (37). Nine members have scarce missed a session during the year, and fifteen were present every Sabbath last quarter.

(2) In the months of December and January great interest was shown in a series of special meetings. At one time there seemed to be ground for hope of the conversion of a numerous group of men, young and old, and of some women also. We are saddened by the fact that, in great part, these hopes have not as yet been realized. Souls almost persuaded seem to have chosen this present world. One family, however, seems to give evidence of the divine work. They have been with us transiently and are now leaving us. Both husband and wife have declared themselves for Christ. The Bible & Christian literature go with them.

(3) There has been evident necessity for the enlargement of our place of worship. The more comodious quarters, together with a good bell, offer a constant invitation, often heeded by a goodly number not formerly with us.

(1) There have been four additions to church membership during the year, three of whom are men. Other candidates it has not been best to bring forward. One member has been removed by death.

My Bicycle miles

(4) Preaching has been followed up as usual in twenty-two (22) places outside Fuerte. The personal appeal has been more direct than heretofore, as friendly acquaintance broadens and deepens. No spe-

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cial change can be noted at any one point. We think the impression is deepening, in the minds of some of the more thoughtful romanists at various points, that this "WAY" is a good way. Sometimes we are disappointed by a smaller attendance where a larger had been looked for; and then again we can give thanks for some providential opening and most attentive hearing in some one of the points which seem slowest to respond. These audiences average about thirty (30).

The Christian Endeavor Society has recently designated the sum of Five Dollars for the work of the Board in Africa, and continues its regular contribution, aiming at a definite sum per member each week for missions. The church makes regular contribution of money in lines of self-support, and the families living in town take turns in the care of the chapel.

This Station retires, for the present, its long-standing request for a native helper, and native teacher as well.

Encouraged somewhat by Dr. Barton's suggestion, under date of April 20th:—("I hope at the next annual meeting you will bring up the matter--- of having an associate appointed for you in the school,") — and somewhat encouraged by the fact of surplus in the Mission's appropriation, over expenditure,— we would most earnestly repeat the long since approved supplication that an American Lady Teacher be sent to the Fuente Station at the earliest possible moment. A matter of greater urgency, in the disposition of forces in this Mission, we beg to suggest, it might be difficult to name.

Fuente, May 13th, 1895.

Henry M. Russell.

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GUADALAJARA STATION.

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April 1st. 1894 to March 31st. 1895.

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The year has been marked by no especial event or change. The absence of three of the four who constitute the force of missionaries at the station, ~~during~~ for four to six months, perhaps interrupted the work a little, though it did not so appear; and, on the other hand, there seems to have been a decided advance toward independence in that most of the work went on much as usual, under Mexican supervision. Our preacher, Miguel Magdaleno, is, in our opinion, worthy of much praise for his fidelity and earnestness, his modesty and his tact. Though left in charge, with the handling of the money, the use of the missionary's house, furniture, etc., he does not seem to have been in the least "spoiled", but returned to the church in Tlajomulco willingly and contentedly.

The School has been much as usual. There has been a slight decrease in numbers, owing to more care in selection and to the establishment of three other Mission schools in the city, one by the Seventh Day Adventists, and two by the Southern Methodists, each of which has a much more generous allowance than ours. This rivalry will, undoubtedly, be felt more and more keenly in the future, as both of the other societies are buying property and preparing to be increasingly aggressive. The total enrollment in all departments has been sixty, and there seems to be a prospect of our being able to draw from a wider and, in some respects, a better, constituency.

~~It seems~~ unfortunate that we can have no buildings of our own and adapt them to our needs, though the one now occupied is the best we have had up to the present.

The question of property is the more urgent, owing to the fact that the dwelling house now occupied by the missionary must be given up at the expiration of the lease, next May; an attempt having recently been made to have us give it up at once.

The church in Guadalajara has progressed fairly well, eight having been added on confession of their faith, most of whom were young heads of families. Attendance at services has somewhat increased, and a good deal of effort has been put forth by the members for the conversion of others. The Christian Endeavor Society has been considerably reduced by the compulsory withdrawal of the Methodist members, who were obliged to form an Epworth League; but it is still the largest in the country, having forty-six members, besides several who are about to join. It has done good work through its meetings and its committees. A nice library of one hundred volumes has been bought and is proving to be of much interest and profit.

Services in English, while not really a part of ~~our~~ the work, are, ~~we believe~~, incalculably important; and ~~we~~ this have ~~been rejoiced at seeing them~~ prospered as never before, both in numbers and interest.

In Tlajomulco, four have been received on confession. School

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has been kept up, with the exception of the four months of the pastor's absence. Magdaleno continues to enjoy the respect and the confidence, not only of the church, but of the entire community.

In San Sebastian, the faithful work of Lino Pacas is beginning to have more visible result. The services are attended by more people and with greater regularity, and several are candidates for reception to the church in Tlajomulco. ~~Little~~ apparent result has been obtained in the neighboring villages, though San Agustín and Cajititlán have been frequently visited.

Work in La Barca has been definitely suspended, though the ~~Las~~ Laras are still occupying the house, supporting themselves by the manufacture of pottery.

In Ayo it has not seemed wise to push matters beyond visiting the place every few weeks, holding services and carrying new reading matter, which is always thrown out of the mails. One family of believers has moved away, and no new ones have openly confessed their faith in the Gospel, though the seed is, undoubtedly, growing in the hearts of several.

In San Miguel quite an interest has been awakened. The place has been watched for a number of years, but only during the past few months has there been much encouragement. One person has been received to membership, and over twenty have given their names as believers, with what seems to be a fairly accurate understanding of what that means. At the last visit made by Ramos, over thirty were present at service and they were loth to have the meeting close even at eleven o'clock at night. The place and the region are so fanatical that it has seemed best to proceed with caution, and the attempt will be made to make the work there as largely self-supporting as may be possible.

In Citala the brethren have continued faithful, in spite of their isolation, and the leaven continues to spread. As it is an hacienda, work has to be done quietly, and we have not yet succeeded in persuading the brethren to hold regular services by themselves, though they gladly attend when visited.

To the north-east there is a growing interest among several families in Lodicarrera and other places near Teocaltiche; ~~and our~~ two brethren who live in Cuquío are doing something to spread the Gospel ~~in the place~~ and in the neighboring ~~ranches~~.

Another petition has come from the brethren in Ahualulco who have never consented to become Methodists, requesting that they be aided or at least recognized, but it has been refused.

Our paper, "El Testigo", has been continued, with some modifications. The paper being better appreciated, it has been possible to collect more subscriptions, and very few copies go for nothing. After a great many unsuccessful attempts, ~~we have~~, for six months or more, been selling it on the street, a boy having been found who has the pluck and the persistence to do it in spite of insults, threats and even blows. The new press is quite satisfactory, and the old one has been exchanged for a paper cutter, and nearly half of the type has been renovated. The whole change has been effected at the expenditure of only a little over the $200.00 given for this object.

John Howland.

J. L. B.
6-18-95

MISSION OF THE AMERICAN BOARD TO MExICO.

HERMOSILLO STATION:- Report for the year ending Mar.31,1895.

Rev.Matthew A.Crawford died April 3,1894. At the request of the Mission,Mrs.Crawford remained on the field until September,taking herself the general oversight of the mission work. Miss Burris continued in charge of the school. The native helper, Eugenio Rodriguez,who had been stationed at La Colorada,was transferred to Hermosillo until the vacancy there should be otherwise provided for. In November the Cases arrived,having been designated to this field on the completion of their furlough of one year in the United States. On their coming Rodriguez and family returned to their former work at the out-station.

The interest manifested by the people ~~of Hermosillo~~ at the time of Mr.Crawford's death,while remarkable as indicating great personal esteem,did not result in any permanent increase in the congregation,or addition to the church membership. While many, even of the better classes,~~have~~ received ~~the new missionary~~ Mr. Case in a friendly spirit,a remarkable indifference seems to prevail with respect to the Gospel itself. Of the converts,an unusually large proportion,-for our Mexican churches,-have proved unfaithful.

Several serious cases of discipline were acted upon by the church shortly before Mr.Crawford's death. Of the 25 members now on the

~~church roll, only 12 are residents~~ of the city.

~~However,~~ notwithstanding the losses by removal and otherwise, the average attendance at services has been slightly increasing, the congregation of late frequently numbering 45 and 50, and rarely falling below 25. Hopeful interest is manifested by a number of young men whose presence in the congregation is becoming quite constant. The weekly meetings of the women, and of the society of Christian Endeavor are well sustained.

The out-station (La Colorada and Las Prietas on account of close proximity being considered as one point) is a more hopeful field for evangelistic work than is Hermosillo. Here, although the population exceeds 5,000, there is no resident priest, and the people are more liberally disposed. The native helper, Rodriguez while not always inclined to work cordially with the missionaries, is a man of some ability and has been useful. Frequent visits to the out-station have been made by Mr. Case, and the outlook has been so promising that for a time there was serious thought whether it might not be wise to establish temporarily the missionary residence in Prietas and work Hermosillo as the out-station. The greater unhealthfulness, however, of Prietas, together with other difficulties attending such a plan, have decided against it.

A most encouraging feature of the work at this station has been the opening of the school at Prietas. The call for a day school was so urgent that in January Miss Burris left her pupils in Hermo-

sillo in charge of a native teacher and went to Prietas. The principal mining company placed at ~~our~~ the disposal of the mission a room for the school, and also one for the teacher, free of cost. The expenses of fitting these up and providing the necessary school furniture will soon more than be met by tuition received. In case but one school can be maintained at this station, it seems to us clear that it should be located at Prietas, and if a more competant teacher cannot be secured for the Hermosillo school, we recommend that it be suspended for the present.

Because of faulty foundation the tower of the Hermosillo church building will sometime need repairs costing probably not less than $100, or $150 Mexican. It has settled away from the main building making a somewhat ugly rent between the two. Should it settle no farther the repair will be a slight matter, but for the sake of safety some stone supports should be built.

While this field is certainly one of peculiar difficulty, it is believed that faithful work will be fruitful, although not to the same degree that would be expected in some other localities.

Alden B. Case.

Hermosillo, Apr. 1'st, 1895.

J. L. B.
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REPORT OF PARRAL STATION.

Although looking back over the past year, we cannot help thinking of the great shadow which has fallen over us at Parral, still, I must not enphasize my own peculiar loss, nor even make comparison between the price paid and the visible results of the sacrifice, nor ask, why this great waste. God is good and will make all things work together for good to them that love him, and we must trust and work.

We have received 15 members ~~in our~~ Church ~~at Parral,~~ during the year, 11 on confession. and 4 others hope to be received ~~at the next communion.~~ A good spirit has prevailed, more of harmony and love, and more of a willingness to make sacrifices in order to attend services and do Christian work. A few backsliding brethren have been reclaimed, and though we have been obliged to expel one of the brethren, whose case was troubling us so much a year ago, the measure, I think, has been productive of good, especially with respect to our good name, and so influence, before the community at large. The other, has been in a measure brought back to us, though he is still obliged to keep open his store on Sundays.

The attendance on all the meetings has been quite an advance on the year before, and on special occasions we have had much interest. The Annual Meeting of the Church on the last Saturday and Sunday of the year, was one such occasion. Seven services were held, some of them being attended by more than a hundred people. Our new Chapel, which we have been renting since September, is more attractive, and better located than the other, and so has helped us some. Our great need now is a church-building, but the problem is a difficult one, for we have neither lot nor money, and the Board is too much in debt to help us. Monthly English services have been held since September, but the Americans are so scattered, that the attendance has not usually been as large as we could desire.

The Christian Endeavor Society, under Miss Prescott's general supervision, has been successful, and has helped in de-

veloping Christian character in the young people.

The most encouraging work in the out-stations, at present, is that in Zaragoza, although Corral de Piedras, also, has manifested considerable interest. The distance of Zaragoza, 50 miles, over a hot, rough and lonely road, prevents any one in Parral from watching the work very closely, though I have been able since the beginning of the year to visit them seven times. Last February, Mr. Ellis + Mr. Wagner visited 6 times ~~when I accompanied me~~, ~~they~~ the people were not satisfied with the services of Sunday, and so ~~we held~~ meetings were held ~~with them~~ for four days. There was considerable interest and good attendance. Three members were received the following communion, at which time ~~when~~ eight more were proposed as candidates for admission. ~~At that time also~~, a movement was then started looking toward a church-building, and a hundred dollars was raised for the purchase of a lot, with the thought that if they could get the land this year, another year they would be able to put up the building. Perhaps if they could be encouraged by the presence of a native helper, much could be done in that community.

The Las Cuevas brethren are still pretty well scattered, though two or three families have returned, and meet regularly for their services by themselves. The good crops of last year however, have brought people back to the town, so that the point should not be abandoned, and it is very probable that work there would be well-repaid.

Piedra Alumbre and San Silvestre are points over the mountains, a hard days'ride from Parral, which the missionary has visited three times. The former consists of four Protestant families, which by their lives and teachings have had a good deal of influence over the others, in the larger ranch, three miles away. There, all seem friendly and anxious to know the gospel. Services held there have been attended by as many as 75 people. But the men will drink, so that the community is only liberal, not Christian.

The Corral de Piedras Hacienda has ~~been rented for three~~ years by the brother, who has been there a year or more, so ~~that the work has~~ assumed a more permanent character. They have organized a Christian Endeavor Society, and hold

regular meetings, besides the services which the missionary holds with them, every other Tuesday. That appointment has been interfered with a number of times, though I have visited them, perhaps 15 or 16 times during the year. A school has started in February, by a girl whose only schooling has been received in the Parral Mission School, but she has done very well, giving such satisfaction, that the school has been self-supporting since the start. She was the organizer of the Christian Endeavor Society, and helps a great deal in all their meetings. She even has a night school of young men, who have no time for study during the day.

In El Portrero also, 35 miles, more or less from Parral, regular services are kept up, ~~although the brethren are few and the ranch small.~~

Only two schools have been carried on in the field, with the exception of Corral de Piedras, during the year. In Parral, the total enrollment has been 75, with an average attendance of about 50. Four girls have been in the school as boarders all of the time, and seven part of the time. Just as last year, Miss Prescott has been responsible for the expense of these girls, as well as everything else connected with the school. She has an assistant teacher, and before Mrs. Olds' death had help from her, an hour and a half each morning, besides the music-scholars. Since Miss Wright's coming, which was a few days before the close of the year, she has been relieved again of the music. She had a hard siege, as we all know, for four months after Mrs. Olds' death, but she would not give up, nor leave her post of duty, although left alone, and without a home or boarding-place. The Woman's Board came to her assistance, however, and to the comfort and happiness of us all, sent Miss Wright, to be with her, and to relieve the present embarrassment.

Zaragoza has enjoyed a school throughout the year, and though the teacher has done something to keep the brethren together, by her playing and singing, they have been unwilling to help in the expenses.

Through the faithful work of the colporteur, the influence of

the gospel has been extended far beyond the limits of the field, and in at least two points, the way has been wonderfully opened and somewhat prepared for the entrance of the preacher. In one of these points, Dolores, we have been able since the close of the year, to send a native helper, and we hope that something may be done for Batopilas also. The colporteur has sold during the year 111 Bibles, 227 Testaments and 50 portions at a value of nearly $150, besides 55 Stories of the Gospel. The total Bookstore receipts for the Station were about $500 half being for evangelical literature.

I must not close this report, without acknowledging the great help that Mr. Wagner's presence, since the last of January, has been to me, and not only his presence, but his active work. He has filled the Parral pulpit several times, thus making it possible for me to visit the out-stations more frequently. Also since his coming we have undertaken the task of helping young men prepare for El Paso, receiving them into the house. We have had two with us all the time, and including some who have been coming to recitations, especially in English, we have had seven altogether. Some of them of course are not desirable for the Training School, but we think that we have accomplished something, in finding this out. Two, at least, perhaps three, ought to have a chance to go on with their studies, though on account of my temporary absence from the field, the present arrangement cannot be kept up. Several other Christian boys, would like to study, and ought to have an opportunity.

Mexico Mission

Chihuahua Station and Out-stations.

Report for the Year ending March 31, 1895, [to accompany Tabular View].

At this center there has been no change in the force of foreign laborers, although several changes have occurred in the territorial area under the supervision of the missionary. Thus in October 1895 the direction of the work in C.Guerrero and vicinity was turned over to Bro.H.T.Wagner; and in the same month Sr.Epitacio Madrid, [who was stationed the preceding year in Namiquipa], was moved from San Buenaventura to Hermosillo, in the State of Sonora, in order to supply in part the lack of a missionary at that important center. He has made several visits to Minas Prietas and La Colorada, and seems to have done faithful work during the six months, for which period he has made reports to Chihuahua as his station. Batopilas also has been supplied with books of all kinds from the same center, and since the same date, as if it had been an out-station; although the sales there are reported separately from those of Chihuahua, in the "Tabular View".

In Chihuahua city, the history of the year marks an advance upon the preceding one. Experience continues to show that it is wise to take advantage of providential opportunities for special meetings. Holy Week, the annual meeting of the church, Christmas, the Week of Prayer, have all been occasions for increasing the attendance at, and interest in, the public services. But a special blessing was enjoyed in connection with the visit of Rev.Arcadio Morales, of Mexico City, for which prayerful preparation had been made during a period of at least two months, and which aroused deep interest from the outset. They continued for ten days, from the 17th to the 28th of January, 1896, and resulted in the quickening of the spiritual life of the church, in increased attendance at the regular services, and in the hopeful

conversion of some. During Feb. and March, a class for ~~xxxxxxxx~~ converts was conducted weekly, with about twenty-five in attendance; of whom ten have been received into the church, and eleven more propounded as candidates. Most of the ten had been attending our services for years. Toward meeting the traveling expenses of Señor Morales, the native brethren alone contributed over seventy dollars, in sums ranging from one or two cents to ten dollars.

During an absence, for six weeks in the summer, of Mr. and Mrs. Eaton, who revisited California and Oregon after an interval of nineteen years, the meetings were well sustained by the brethren, although for most of the time the lady teachers also were away. Mention man be made of the valuable services of the helper, Señor Felipe Z. Hernandez, , who in addition to his duties as sexton so satisfactorily discharged, takes entire charge of the subscription lists of "El Testigo" and "El Faro" in this city, wraps up most of the packages of books for mailing, makes visits in the congregation, distributes printed notices, and during most of the year, from 7 to 9 o'clock in the evening, has kept open the Reading Room. This offer to the public has not, however, been appreciated as we hoped it would be, and the subscriptions to the chief secular papers were discontinued at the end of February. But the place is still open on Sunday afternoons, to furnish a quiet retreat for those who may come.

Although during the thirteen and a half years since the "Northern Mexico Mission" was first established, services for English-speaking residents have been maintained for most of the time, little or no mention has been made of this work. But it seems fitting that attention should be called to the need of Christian effort in behalf of this part of our population, which is estimated by some to be about seven hundred souls in the city and vicinity. The only American missionary here, ordained, has been frequently called to attend funerals and perform other services for these foreigners. The at-

tendance on Sunday has ranged from twenty-five to seventy-eight, with an average of forty-six. With the contributions of the worshippers there have been purchased for the church a half dozen more benches, and one hundred and sixty yards of native carpet for the aisles, besides $25.33 sent to the Board's treasury. Their total gifts have been $215.05.

The work for and by the women has continued with wonted activity, the average attendance at the Tuesday afternoon meeting for Bible study and prayer having been thirty-five; and the number of weekly visits, reported there by a band of "willing workers", having been about twelve. A large number of tracts have been distributed by these women, especially amongst the soldiers of the garrison here.

Out-Stations.

---Jimenez--- Here the work has been carried on without interruption, culminating in the formal organization of the church "of the Holy Spirit" by ecclesiastical council, meeting on the 21st and 22nd of March last. Each of the churches in Chihuahua, Parral and Zaragoza was represented by a delegate; and the other members were Messrs. Olds and Eaton and the Mexican preacher, Eugenio Rodriguez. To form the new church, twenty persons, [nine men and eleven women], presented letters from the church in Chihuahua, where their names had been enrolled when they made confession of faith, and six more adults came from other denominations, making a membership of twenty-six. at the first session of the council, a goodly number made pledges looking toward self-support.

--- San Buenaventura, --- During the first half of the year, Señor Epitacio Madrid resided here in a house of his own, and aided the small church in their meetings when he was at home, though his engagement was to make visits to other points in that part of the State. The expense, however, incurred on these trips necessarily limited their number. No missionary has been able

to visit this out-station during the year, and no addition has been made to the church; but Don Teófilo Romero has continued work on the new chapel which he is constructing at his own expense, and hopes to have it ready for dedication in the summer.

--- Villa Lopez, [Atotonilco], --- For only five months of the year was this place occupied by a native helper, Tomás Montoya, and for only three of these was the day-school continued by his daughter, since the mission withdrew the family of the preacher that had provided her with a suitable home. Since then, monthly visits have been made by the preacher from Jiménez.

In February, when Mr. and Mrs. Eaton spent a part of three days there, the few active Christians agreed to meet regularly on Sunday for the study of the Sunday School lesson, and have since ordered lesson leaves to help them.

The amount appropriated for the support of the teacher has, with the consent of the New Haven Branch, been used to secure more teaching help for the school in Chihuahua; and now the late teacher herself is a boarding pupil in the same institution.

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The missionary at this station, after having discharged his duties as mission treasurer, and managed the book-store, [with sales amounting to $2,018.37, besides hundreds of dollars' worth mailed to Mr. Case, $114.18 more on temporary account of Parral station, and $109.68 worth in the last three months to Bro. Wagner in Guerrero], and kept books and accounts for the colporteur of the Bible Society, and written forty pages of MS for lectures to the students in El Paso, and contributed to "El Testigo", and dispatched an average of 100 letters monthly, and made a few visits to out-stations, and led the ordinary church services in both English and Spanish, - has had almost no time left for visits in the homes of the people; and reading and study have been almost wholly neglected; but grateful mention is made of increased physical strength for meeting these demands.

As was foreshadowed in his verbal statement at the last annual meeting the missionary in charge has begun the erection of a residence, with funds belonging to Mrs. Eaton, on a lot adjoining that on which Trinity Memorial Church stands. It is likely to be ready for occupancy in September; and thereafter the portion of the mission compound which is at present occupied as a dwelling, may be rented to foreign residents, or devoted to the uses of the boarding school for girls, as the mission may determine.

Chihuahua, April 16, 1896.

James D. Eaton

Report of "Colegio Chihuahuense" for School year of 1895-1896.

The new School-year began Sept. 9th, and the Fall-term, in many respects, was a very pleasant and satisfactory one. We tried the experiment of having an afternoon given up to recitations from the various grades, interspersed with music and rhetorical exercises, every two weeks, when it was understood that the parents were always welcome. This had a three-fold benefit; that of giving the pupils an opportunity to know something of the work of other grades, as well as to gain more confidence in reciting before others. 2ndly the teachers to keep in touch with the work of all; but perhaps more important than all the rest, that of interesting the parents and friends in the regular, every-day work of the school.

We have had enrolled during the year thus far, 68 pupils, not as many as last year, altho' the average has been about the same, and we have reason to feel that results have been better on the whole, as we have been more careful in admitting pupils, to have it understood that we do not care to admit any for less time than a year.

The boarding-department girls all returned, with exception of one of the 1st class girls, who had taught the primary children forenoons, during the past year. She had become an excellant helper, was very fond of the children, and would have been greatly missed but that Miss Dunning has devoted her time to them

with Kindergarten work, having 18 little ones, from 3 & 6 years of age, and a happy circle they have been. Their "Gift lessons" have continued the morning talk, and when there has been something to lead their thoughts to their own country, they have built the Gov's. house, which he has visited in the shape of his photo. After the "talk" on the mutual dependence of all things, using cotton as the example, they have gathered it in the field, taken it on trains to the factory to be woven and made into calico, sold it at the stores and worn it out in clothes, after which it was made into paper. At Christmas time the Kindergartners had a tree all by themselves, at which the parents were all invited to be present. The gifts which were hung on it for Papa and Mama, were all made by their own little hands. In Easter week each child sewed an Easter Lily, listening to the story of "Baby Calla", as they sewed. The work in this department has been carried on without any expense to the Mission. Its needs in the line of a nice, large, ruled black-board, working-materials &c having been provided for by gifts of money from Miss Holcomb - who first began Kindergarten work here - and other friends.

We were glad to have Miss Long added to our teaching force at the beginning of this year, and feel that this report would not be complete if we did not make grateful acknowledgment of her faithful services which have been so cheerfully given when all we could offer as compensation, was the amount which a native teacher might receive. She has had the Algebra, and

some of the Arithmetic classes. I think we all know how much patience this line of work requires, with these minds which have not yet learned to exercise their reasoning faculties.

When one of the 4th grade girls, whom we have considered rather "deficient" in many respects, asked as a special favor, a few days ago, that she might be permitted to go on working the examples in advance of the class, I was surprised enough, and observed to myself that 'this new ambition is the result of Miss Long's enthusiastic teaching.' The quiet influence of her strong character has, I feel sure, had a telling effect in our School, which will be felt more and more in the lives of our girls as they shall go out from our midst. In addition to the class-work, she has given Organ music lessons to eight of the older girls. We had hoped that in view of our needs in this School - if it is to be made anything like a Normal School - the Board might appoint her as a missionary teacher the coming year and that she might remain with us. The cares of a matron which fall upon Miss Dunning make it "out of the question" for her to be in the School-room all through both sessions.

With the present plan to graduate our first class girls next year, it will be necessary to add another entirely new set of studies to the present curriculum.

We are indebted to Mrs Eaton for the good work done in the Vocal music classes. Recently one of the 1st class girls has taught the 2nd class of Vocal music.

Our 1st class girls seemed to have returned with new and increased energy and ambition, this was a source of much gratification, but the day after Christmas Eiria Armendariz was taken very ill, and two of the three physicians who were called in consultation, said that she could not live a week. There was a great deal of earnest prayer for her and Dr. Cardenas, who attended her for two months, was "faithfulness personified", coming every day for four weeks, and much of that time, two, three and four times a day, without making any charges for his services. She slowly but gradually regained her physical strength, but her mind remains in a very weak condition, so that she has not been able to resume her studies, ~~and~~ as the girls had all been very much interested in her recovery we found it was having a depressing influence on our Home-circle, and as her Grand-mother seemed to wish to have her go home, it was thought best for her to go with Mr and Mrs Eaton when they went to Jimenez. We have felt that Eiria was one of our brightest and most promising girls and it has been a very great disappointment to have her drop out of her class.

The proposed graduation of three of our girls next year has awakened a strong class-feeling not only among them, whom we have encouraged to select a motto and class color, but also among the other grades. Green bows became so numerous as to evoke comment, whereupon it was announced that the 2nd class had chosen its color. Wishing to

foster this wholesome spirit, through which we have seen ambition aroused, as the goal at last comes in view, and through which we believe the influence of the school-life will be strengthened in all the years to come, we have conferred some special privileges upon the members of the graduating class. They now have their own cosy, little room in which to study evenings, being placed upon their honor in regard to deportment, and occasionally they are allowed to extend the study hour. At Christmas they attended a concert with the teachers and in January we were glad to accept for them the rare opportunity of listening to a Lecture by an eminent Prof. from Mexico City - Dr. Porfirio Parra, The Lecture being upon "Philosophy of the Sciences".
It was the first discourse of the kind which these girls had ever heard. Their enthusiasm, or rather excitement, would not permit them to retire until an animated resumé had been given to their interested school-mates, who were just closing study-hour on their return. Every allusion to Physiology, Higher-Mathematics, Geology, Ancient-History, - subjects which they have been pursuing this year, were recounted with the greatest mental exhilaration - "And we could understand nearly every word" - exclaimed one. Most gratifying it was to their teachers who saw that the great door of knowledge had been swung wide open before them

and that they were all eagerness to enter in.

Considerable effort has been put forth to secure a Library for our School-Home, and it is already a reality. I am sure no small enterprize ever had more interesting gifts in so short a time. Some of the smallest (in money value) are among the most interesting. As, for instance, that of $1.00 from two little Mass. girls, who had each earned her 50, one by picking berries and the other by "caring for the baby". Their $1.00 amounted to $1.87 in Mexican money. If there were time I should like to mention several from native friends of the School. There have been several memorial gifts, among them the first contribution, which consisted of two dozen English books and a very pretty book-case.
The Library was opened Oct. 17th while Mr Case and Miss Burris were with us, en route for Batopilas.

Mr Case and Mr Eaton both spoke to the girls on the value of books, the Great Libraries of the world, the right use of books &c.

We now have over 100 vols., and have already realized what a blessing they are to our Home.

Altho' our girls are all professing christians, we feel that some of them have not yet made much progress in "the narrow way", the development of true christian character will be a work of slow growth, in cases where they have had no christian home-training. They enjoyed Mr Morales' meetings very much, and we hope that his earnest teachings may be the means of leading them to a deeper spiritual life. Three of the boarding and three day-pupils have united with the church during the year.

ANNUAL REPORT of EL PASO STATION for year ending March 31 1896.

School Work.

Undoubtedly this will be considered the most important part of the work expected at this Station, as it certainly occupies most of the time and energies of the missionaries here. The past year has been a very favorable one for the school in every particular. While it seemed best, on account of my health, to defer the opening one month, until October first, everything has moved so satisfactorily that I feel confident that the students will have accomplished as much at the end of the school year as has been done in any other year.

My helpers have been José M. Ibañez, continued from last year, and Julian Carrasco, a graduate of last year. The latter has given good proof of ability as a teacher, and of fidelity in his work.

Of the students who were with us last year and who have not returned, Sebastián Hernández and Julián Carrasco are employed by the Mission, and Jesús Moya and his brother, Miguel, by the Home Missionary Society, in New Mexico, all, I believe, doing good work.

The new students received this year are Daniel Molina, 22 years of age, and Toribio de los Santos, 18, both from San Pedro de las Colonias, bringing good recommendations from their Presbyterian brethren; Ambrosio Escudero, 16, from El Valle de Zaragoza; Martín Montoya, 18, from El Parral; and Abel Magdaleno, 17, from Tlajamulco, the ~~[illegible]~~ son of the only ordained native pastor of the Mission. I should add also, that Cecilio Ortega, on his return, brought his younger brother, of 13 years, with him, his father promising to pay for his board, although the promise has not been fulfilled yet. I am well pleased with the character of all of the new ones, and with their progress ~~[illegible]~~ in study. The same matron has continued, giving us all cause to thank God for one so devoted and true in the place.

For the Carpentry work I have secured the services of a young man for ~~three hours each~~ four hours each day, and the school is divided into four classes, which work under his direction, and the program of classes is so arranged that this does not conflict with regular class work.

There will be no graduates this year, nor for several years to come, but the present students have had a much more thorough course of study than any who preceded, and I hope that they will be correspondingly more useful when they enter the work.

The students have been active in church work, in the S.S., and Christian Endeavor Society, have continued the good work in the city jail, distributed a great many tracts, and have conducted many services in the street and in private houses.

Church Work.

During our absence last summer, Julián Carrasco was left in charge of the work here, expecting to care for both the church in El Paso and that in Ciudad Juárez, but José Ibañez' return earlier than was expected, relieved him of a part of it. We found the congregation in good order on our return, and the brethren have spoken in terms of high praise, of the helpfulness of Carrasco to them. He did much pastoral work, and seemed to gain the hearts of the people.

There has been no great increase, but the congregation has maintained its usual size well, new-comers taking the places of many who have gone to other places. The coming of el señor Arcadio Morales was a great blessing to all of us, and while we did not receive a large number of members as the direct result, the effect of his preaching, both on the students and the church, will be permanent. Six new members have just been received, largely through his influence.

The church in Ciudad Juárez does not grow any. It is a most difficult field to work, for many causes, and the recent establishment of work there by the "Christian" denomination and some independent workers, is complicating matters much. They have not succeeded in drawing many new ones to their services, but they are trying to convince the few brethren we have that they have never been baptized! The future of that work seems to me very doubtful, but we hope that the Lord has still a way to reveal unto us by which the many needy ones there may receive the Gospel. I ought to add, however, that there have been a few apparently genuine conversiones there during the year, one of a man who was baptized only a couple of weeks before his death, but who was joyful in his faith to the last.

Both El Paso and Ciudad Juárez need more pastoral work, which my duties in the school have seemed to prevent me from giving, and the same may be said in regard to the others who have been preaching to them, for all are teaching in the school. We three teachers take turns about, a month at a time, at preaching.

The women's meetings, led by Mrs. Wright, have been a great help to the church. I have conducted the prayer-meetings regularly on this side of the river, and Ibañez on the other.

Annual Report of the Puerto Station.
1896.

The year has, we trust, been one of growth in grace in the church, yet with small visible results in increased membership. We note a gratifying punctuality in the attendance of the members upon all church services, and for the most part a consistent christian life and a growing interest in the study of the Bible.

We have all rejoiced over answers to prayer, seen as we think in ~~answers~~ the reconciliation effected between a brother and sister, — husband and wife, for some time alienated through harsh words; — and in the return to right life, and to fellowship, of a sister who lapsed into sin some two years ago.

Three (two Mexicans) have been added to the church on profession, and two other candidates are expecting soon to be received. Here in Puerto, while the lines of opposition are being more closely drawn, the exemplary life of this little band of protestants seems to be more and more a protest and an invitation, — a leavening influence. And far away in Ocorroni, outside our district, where a brother and sister are living, the seed seems to be taking root in some hearts.

Our Sunday school continues at about the same figure as last year, with an attendance averaging twenty-eight. Our Christian Endeavor Society comprises much the same membership as the church and is increasingly a school of christian activity

The women's meetings, held from house to house, frequently secure the attendance of some who do not otherwise attend our services. In these meetings also, systematic Bible study is carried on.

Our brethren are quite constant in their contributions, altho the amount is necessarily small. The regular contributions for work abroad keep pace with those for home uses, and each quarter the church has designated its offering to some particular field. Special effort was made for suffering Armenia.

El Testigo is taken and paid for in each of our church families, and the numerous outside paid list is continued.

Our touring season has been shortened this year, — at its beginning by the great storm in October, rendering roads impassable for fully a month; — at its end, by an earlier annual meeting; — and in the middle, by absence in Batopilas (albeit we count a rare privilege to have been permitted to assist for a few days in this latter work, and the church in Fuerte is encouraged and strengthened by their own presence there, tho delegates, as well as by the very existence of our one "church of the vicinage" actually in our own neighborhood.

We notice this year that some two or three places are increasingly difficult to enter; while on the other hand the hearing in general has seemed better than heretofore, — more thoughtful and friendly. In some cases an encouraging spirit of inquiry is shown, now by a few men who have had sad experience of unbelief; now by those who cling to the church; and in one case,

in the family of a deluded fellow-countryman, formerly of the "colony".

If we say nothing about the need of a school in Fuente, it must be because there remains nothing new to be said, and because vain repetions are to be avoided. That it is a crying need, and that for lack of it adherents are being lost to the work, are facts too patent to need mention. Yet there seems to be reason to conclude that the urgency of this claim was not sufficiently impressed upon the Mission last year. The fact of our isolation also would seem to argue strongly for, and not against, the appointment of a teacher.

We confess to much perplexity about the work before us. Can we reasonably expect conversions and evangelical growth in the nineteen or twenty preaching places throughout the district, visited as infrequently and briefly as they have been hitherto? On the other hand, how can one man hope to cover the ground, and still do anything adequate for the church and community in Fuente?

And again, the problem of entertainment at the various points would seem to require some new solution, if the missionary were to visit them and remain for several successive days. We specially ask your counsel in these matters. Do these circumstances point to the need of an efficient itinerant helper? Do they

call for a change of method in the itinerating done by the missionary?

We request leave of absence from our immediate field for a few weeks this summer, at an expense to the Mission not to exceed Fifty Dollars. We hope to cross over the Sinaloa line, to S. Francisco de Norogachic, Chihuahua, to escape the heat for a time.

Fuerte, April 15th, 1896.

Henry M. Bissell.

Guadalajara Station

April 1 1895 to March 31, 1896

The year has been a quiet one. In Guadalajara, attendance at services has remained nearly the same as before, with some fluctuation and, on the whole, a little reduction in number, owing to removals and a lack of accessions to compensate. The Sunday School has been doing better and is managed by the church; the missionary giving his attention to a Bible class in English. The Christian Endeavor Society has done quite well, carrying on its work uninterruptedly. Contributions have improved, averaging now over two dollars per week for regular collections. Norian English services are sustained without interruption in our place of worship with an increased attendance, and with contributions which average over two dollars per week. Although only five new members were received during the year and some had to be excluded, there is perceptible growth in many ways. Until this year, the question of the church edifice had been met, in part, by voluntary service, but now a regular sexton is employed, the whole expense being met by the church. Women's meetings and missionary concerts have been maintained with some few interruptions. From October to March, night classes were held in the church, four nights in the week; about a dozen young men and boys meeting the missionary for

study of the "3 Rs" and other elementary work.

The school, though deprived of the presence and help of one of the foreign ladies, has continued much as usual, Miss Haskins having, aside from Josefa, some help from an American lady residing in the city and from a Mexican who was formerly at the head of one of the best government schools for girls in the place. She has also had some help and much comfort from her mother who is visiting her. Arrangements have been made so that the girls may be presented for examination for the State diploma, as fast as they are ready in any study.

The circulation of "El Testigo," has increased from 750 to 900 copies, owing, in part, to its having been adopted as the official organ of the Y. P. S. C. E.; but more to its becoming more widely known. It has also been helped somewhat by the drastic methods employed by the director of its principal rival "El Faro". It is printed on better paper, better cuts have been secured and some minor changes have been made in the make-up of the paper, which seem to have been well received. The tax on the press is now nearly four dollars a month, and to help meet that and other expenses, the station has just begun the printing of the organ of the Seventh Day Adventists.

The resident missionary and family were obliged to leave the house they occupied, much to their regret, as it was healthy, pleasant, and convenient. After much searching, a house was secured six blocks to the north of the church and the contract taken for two years.

In Tajomulco there has been little change. Night classes have been carried on quite successfully and the pastor and his daughter have maintained the school with encouraging results and no expense to the Mission. Mrs. James (nee White) has secured a fine 100lb. bell which is already on its way from the foundery in Baltimore. The church is showing some improvement, especially in the matter of self help, raising money for the placing of the bell, repair of the church edifice, etc.

In San Sebastián there seems to have been very little, if any, growth; owing doubtless to irregularities in the life of one of the members residing there.

The brethren in Citala have been somewhat disturbed by evil counsels; but, on the whole, have continued firm in the faith. The house in Chapala has been sold, as ordered by the mission. It has not been possible to do so as yet with the one in La Barca, which is still occupied by the former helper and his family, who supports himself by making pottery.

A very interesting work has developed in San Miguel a place of some 500 inhabitants. About twenty consider themselves as believers and most of them give good evidence of conversion. They are frequently visited but are given to understand that they need not expect a settled pastor until they themselves can arrange the matter. The village school was poor and they were anxious for the Mission to open one, but, instead, influence was brought to bear which resulted in a change of teachers, so there now seems to be no real need for a separate school, which we believe would be, in any case, of doubtful expediency. Four girls have gone to the school in Guadalajara. Believers in Cuquio, Zapotlanejo, Cajititlán and Ayo have done something in spreading the Gospel in those villages. Cruz López has made several trips to Teocaltiche and that section of the State with encouraging results.

J. Howland.

Report of the Sierra Field(Guerrero)formerly reporte as Cusihuriachic.

This report comprises the six months that we spent in this field,which were the first six months of Mrs. Wagner in Mexico,and the latter third of my year and a half.

We made our home in Guerrero instead of at Cusihuriachic where the mission has property. When we passed through Cusihuriachic that place had only about 350 and but a few ranches near by where people were living. Guerrero has a population of 2000and some 3000 more within a distance of fifteen miles, and most of the former Cusihuriachic members are living at this place. Cusi is being built up again and may in a year or more be a place of several thousand. Guerrero however seems to be the most central place of the whole field and has now ~~five~~ 4 places where there is a little work within fifteen miles ,and from Gutrrero can reach within a day (50 miles) twelve diffrent places where we have meetings. It looks as though Guerrero would soon get a railroad which will make it the commercial centre for about a third of this state and a good part of Sonora. We rather think of continuing to live in Guerrero,though probably spending a few months of the year in Cusi and making monthly visits during the rest of the time. The mission property is a good one and far superior to any that can be rented in Guerrero but on account of the work centering more around Guerrero we feel as if we were needed there. The property can be rented pretty satisfactorily and the room where the meetings are held be kept for that purpose and Sr. Rafael Enriquez who is expected to go to Cusi to give a part of his time to the spread of the gospel can live there rent free for the sake of the service we expect from him and at the same time look after the property.

The members in Guerrero and San Isidro and others scattered over the field received us very well and have treated us ever since the same. At Guerrero Mrs W. has conducted during the last five months a class of boys and girls in English with an average attendance of about twenty five for three evenings each week. Here,we have sunday scholl every sunday morning,preaching in the evening,and prayer meeting on Thursday evenings,and the women conduct their meeting on tuesday afternoons. Some of the congregation have moved awaybut other believers have come in from the country to about fill up their number. In average attendance the sunday school has increased from about 18 the first month to about 24 the last,the preaching services from 25to 42,the prayer meting from 20 to 30. This increased attendance is due to a very regular attendance on the part of our own people during the last months,to some 8 persons whem we look upon as new converts,and to one or more visits from many diffrent new comers of the town. The warm weather is coming on now and sometimes twenty or more persons will be standing at the street doors listening. The christian life of this congregation is quite exemplary,though sabbath observance is lacking some yet,and one family seems to want to continue in dancing.

At san Isidro, a distance of three miles, we had services near every sunday, going in on some sundays to Santa Ines in its place. The people at the latter place belong to the San Isidro congregationa and constitute the larger and dare say the better part of it. I suppose if we held services only a few times a year at this place the attendance would be very good but having it every sunday seems ~~a lit~~ little above thir desire. Their character morally is good, but as christians it is not very exemplary. With fewexceptions they hardly observe the sabbaths and we have for this reason tried to have our meetings there on sundays so as to bring a little change about if possible. The congregation with few exceptions is also of the dancing kind. The congregation is fully converted from romanism but I doubt whether some them are converted ~~are converted~~ into ~~th~~ his spiritual life of Christ. This no doubt is due to their only receiving very occasional visits from missionaries heretofore, and after their first enthusiasm is over it seems pretty hard to ~~imb~~ imbue them with a new and nobler spirit. The mission supported a teacher there for a good many years. This year we placed a girl there but she did not set the best kind of example nor did the people do their part. The people are not poor and I can not see that the school helps our cause very much there so that I thinks it hardly necessary for the mission to support a teacher much longer at that place. The state of the church and the hope of its extension is not very encouraging at this place.

Besides these we held meetings at some ten other places ~~whe~~ where we believe the work will have a continuous nature. Half of these are new places. At a few other places we have people who interested and are work ing for our cause so that we expect small congregations may soon form themselves. We had the privilege of preaching a part of the richness of the gospel to about six hundred different peopleand we believe that a number of these will soon lead exemplary christian lives.

The people in guerrero and in the whole field are quite liberal, though there are ~~we also have~~ towns and families scatteced all over who are as fanatical as one may find anywhere, as one can infer from the wars which have been caused in this district on account of some fanatical romanists. Undoubtedly the change of priests in Guerrero was made with the intentionof of building up their cause. They have tried to say about everyth ing against us that they could imagine, the priest by his preaching, the people by wild stories and all with the little literature they could get together. This may have a tendency of making some more fanatical, to keep others aloof from us, but on another class of people, I think it has a good indirect influence for our cause.

The people being somewhat liberal gives us many opportunities to do personal work and to distribute tracts. For this purpose the book store furnishes an excellant means. Though many people are liberal there seems to be little hope of getting the most liberal really interested in the gospel, most of the past converts an the present hopeful ones are such as were romanists and many of th extremely so. Most of the liberals pretend to believe in God but beyond that their faith seems pretty well shattered.

We recommend to keep Cristobal Gonzaliz and wife as workers in Guerrero, 3 or 4. other workers coued find open fields in various parts of this region.

Horace J. Romero Mrs.

J. L. B.
Rec'd 7-13-96
Ans'd

Pomona, Calif. July 7, 1896.

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Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

After delay, which I regret, I send you a copy of the Report of the Hermosillo station, which ought to have been sent at the time of the annual meeting at Chihuahua.

Most cordially yours,

Alden B. Case,

J. C. B.
Rec'd 7-13-96
Ans'd

MEXICAN MISSION.

HERMOSILLO STATION.

Report for the year ending March 31,1896.

During the greater part of the year Hermosillo was without the personal care of a missionary. On account of the serious ill health of his wife,Mr.Case was granted a leave of absence,and in June took his family to California,leaving the work in charge of the native brethren.

The missionary residence has been profitably rented, for the past six months, to an American family. Faithful work has been done through the year by the native helper,but there has been on the whole little progress. The following report is an account of the opening of the new field at Batopilas,which,for the present,may be considered as connected with this station.

Batopilas is a mining town of 4,000 inhabitants,situated in the heart of the Sierra Madre,some 300 miles South west of Chihuahua City,and 150 miles East of Fuerte. Within a days' ride on mule back are several other towns of small importance,while the Tarahumare Indians in surprising numbers inhabit the whole mountain region,hundreds at a time being frequently encountered in the town.

While not as yet a station of the Mission,a work in some respects remarkable has sprung up in Batopilas. At the annual meeting held in El Paso last year one of our Bible colporters,Floren-

tino Piña, reported to the Mission an interesting account of his visits to Batopilas. So inviting seemed the opening that the Mission decided to send Ignacio Lopez, a student of the Training school, to pass his vacation there. The field was found as represented. There existed a strong feeling of dissatisfaction, on the part of many, with the abuses committed in the Roman church, and an unusual readiness to listen to protestant teaching. A small chapel, the private property of a prominent citizen, was freely placed at the disposal of the Mission.

Lopez was a devoted worker. Through his efforts the curiosity of a considerable number was deepened into a decided interest in the truth. His congregations were not, except occasionally, large, but an excellent beginning was made, and faithful work done in house to house visitation. The higher class of the people manifested less interest in matters of religion than in the subject of education. So earnest was the desire that the Mission should open a school for girls, and the outlook for self support was so promising, that, -the way being temporarily obstructed for going forward with the school recently opened in Las Prietas, -the Mission requested Miss Burris to go to Batopilas provisionally, and as Mr. Case was returning from California to Hermosillo with the expectation of remaining in the service of the Mission only until the next annual meeting, he was asked to accompany Miss Burris to the new field. He did so, they arriving in Batopilas in October. A girls' school was immediately opened, a report of which has been prepared by Miss Burris. The arrival of a protest-

ant missionary aroused curiosity. He was,however,courteously received,and for several weeks the chapel was not sufficient to contain the crowds which appeared at the services. With the subsidence of mere curiosity a congregation remained which averages from forty to fifty. Often the latter number,and rarely less than 35 attend the weekly prayer meeting. The Christian Endeavor society has 28 who were enrolled as active members,but time has proved that a number of these more properly belong to the associate class. An eight days' series of special evangelistic meetings was held in January,Bro.Bissell coming from Fuerte and assisting. A gratifying degree of interest was manifested in these meetings,and excellent results are apparent. During the two or three months previous to the organization of the church,which occurred during Mr.Bissell's visit,so extended was the apparent interest in the Gospel,that it seemed probable that not less than 20 or 25 persons would be ready for admission to the church. But the standard of christian life,as it was finally understood,seemed so difficult of attainment that some candidates delayed their public profession,and others regretfully turned back and have followed no more with us. Among the difficulties to be overcome were confused matrimonial,or lack of matrimonial,relations,customs involving Sabbath desecration,and unusually powerful besetments to vice in this mining town. Lack of thorough firmness of purpose to abandon all for Christ still holds a number from receiving baptism who are regular members of the congregation. The church was organized Jan.26,with eight members.

Thirteen more will be received on April 5'th, and eight others are already anounced as candidates for reception at the following Communion. The character of these converts is such as to cause great hope for the future of the work.

Beginning with Christmas Day a weekly religious service has been conducted in the city jail. So much interest had been awakened among the prisoners previous to this date, through tracts and Scripture portions distributed among them, that they presented a formal petition to the mayor, requesting that the protestant minister might be permitted to come in and speak to them. Consent was promptly given, and orders issued for making suitable arrangements for the meetings, a table being provided for the speaker, and benches for the listeners.

This jail congregation is nearly equal in size to that which meets in the chapel. About 20, or nearly one-half, are pure Tarahumares. From the beginning the prisoners have given remarkable attention to the reading and the explanation of God's word. So much interest, indeed, was awakened by the tracts and Scripture portions given them, together with the weekly Bible readings, that no less than ten copies of the entire Scriptures were solicited and paid for by them at the regular prices. Other religious books were called for and bought, many of the gospel hymns were learned, and best of all, fourteen of these men have expressed their purpose to live the christian life, and so far as I am able to judge they are sincere in this purpose. No part of my Batopilas life will be remembered by me with so much of joy and grati-

tude as this prison work,which I trust will be continued by my successor. The efforts to introduce protestant periodicals and other like literature in Batopilas has been reasonably successful. Some quite remarkable sales of Bibles and of other religious books had been made by our mountain colporter before the arrival of the missionary. "El Testigo"accompanied by "El Catolico Convertido"or "El Expositor Bíblico",goes now regularly into 80 homes. 36 subscriptions of other papers,such as "El Faro",are also taken More than 98 per cent of all these have already been paid for in advance at the regular subscription rates,and the rest are to be paid.

From Oct.27 to April 5,the sales from the branch mission bookstore in Batopilas amounted to $332.45,of which $133.66 was for religious books and periodicals.

The total tuition receipts of the Girls'school,"La Esperanza", from the opening,Nov.4,to Apr.1,were $349,15. This has paid for the school furniture,costing $120,for rents,$24,and a part of the time $28 per month,and the balance has been applied toward the traveling expenses of Mr.Case and Miss Burris from Hermosillo to Batopilas.

The Batopilas congregation has made praiseworthy efforts towards self support. The weekly offerings for the past five months amounted in the aggregate to $113.24,an average of $5 per week. This has been expended for current needs,repairs on chapel,and for meeting the expenses of Mr.Bissell and the brethren from Fuerte,at the time of the special meetings. Aside from this,$92 was raised to provide an

organ for the church. The rent of the chapel, valued at $12 monthly, is contributed by the owner. The chapel furniture, costing about $120, was donated, unsolicited, by Mrs. Shepherd of the Batopilas Mining Co.

The congregation is now pledged to contribute $6 weekly for current expenses and for the support of the minister.

A strong desire has been expressed by the people for the establishment of a boys' school, to be under the direction of the missionary, who shall be assisted by a native teacher, provided also by the Mission. A guarantee pledge of $120 per month in aid of such school, has been given by two prominent citizens, one of whom represents the Batopilas Mining Co. As the probable income from tuition would not be less than $90 per month, the total receipts would be sufficient to meet rent, incidental expences, the salary of the native teacher, leaving, on reasonable calculation, a sum sufficient to meet one-half the salary of the missionary. The opportunity is certainly a rare one, and it cannot be that the Mission will fail to improve it. I am confident that the Batopilas work, both educational and evangelistic, may be so developed as to become within a short time, possibly within a year or two, entirely self supporting.

Alden B. Case.

Batopilas, March 31, 1896.

Report of Balopilas School.

School opened Nov. 4th with
nd enrollment of twelve
ight and interesting girls.
was the desire to make it
urely a girls' school, but so
any boys made application
was hard to refuse; so we
ened doors to both sexes.
The first month our number
creased to twenty-eight. Total
umber enrolled during the
ve months, forty-eight, forty-one
ing the largest number in
tendance at one time. Our
umber has decreased in the
st two months, owing to
verse circumstances in
me families and removals
other parts by others; the
rollment for the present
ing thirty-three. Daily average
twenty-seven, sickness having

for year ending Dec. 31st 1896.

one a great deal towards bring-
ng it down to as low a
tandard.

Receipts have amounted
$482.76 paying all expenses of
ut and school furnishings,
aving a balance of $261.31

We have the very best
amilies represented in our
chool. The mother of one
amily hesitated some time
fore consenting to trust
e children to the care of
protestant teacher, saying she
as afraid they would be ter-
ally lost. Now this family
s among our staunchest
iends and, while it remains
be seen whether any very
asting impressions have been
ade, I feel sure they have
ard some Truth. At least, they
ave lost their fear of the Bible

nd now read and frequent
answer questions. They have
ought a hymn book, thereby
anifesting their interest in
hymns we sing. A num
of the pupils furnish their
n hymn books and Bibles.
The day school is well
resented in the C. S., several
ving come in for the first
me after entering school.
At the communion of
ril 5, "four of the largest
rls from the school were
ceived into the church.
the last few weeks our
arts have been saddened by
loss of one of our most
omising girls. Her mother,
ho prizes the world more
an the salvation of herself
daughter, upon hearing of
great interest in the Gospel,

~~Mexico Business~~

~~was from a neighboring~~ ranch
nd took her from the fami-
~~y with which she was~~
iving. She is now no longer
n school and we feel that
hat our last hope is gone.
She is an exceptionally bright
irl and with proper surround
ngs and instructions would
elop into a person of very
rong character.
The desire and aim of the
hool is to teach our young
eople that the true life does
ot consist of worldly
leasures and possesions and
create within them a desire
r something better than the
orld offers.

Report of Parral Station.
March 31 '95 - March 31, '96

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There has been steady progress during the year
the Parral field. The year opened with good meetings
connection with a visit from Mr. Case in May, who
as received with much enthusiasm by his former
arishioners. We were able to visit together Las
arrochas, Zaragoza, Las Cuevas and Corral de Piedras,
nd besides held services in the theater in Parral,
tended by over 200 people. For the three months ence-
ding Mr. Olds was absent from his field, and
ut to the States for the purpose of taking his little girl.
r. Wagner, however, filled his placed very acceptably,
nd the work was not allowed to suffer. On Mr. Olds'
turn, the Parral Church was informed of an effort that had
een making to raise money for the erection of a church-
uilding, and encouraged to do its share. Under the weekly
udge-envelope-system, the members have raised since then
$-00 besides enough for current expenses, which with the
early $400 previously collected, and the $75, which they will
ve during these three months, will prove, when we consider
at most of them do not earn more than a fifty cent wage,
d they are anxious to help. Others in Parral have made
ntributions, and considerable money has come in from
unds in other places. The building was commenced a
w days before the close of the mission year.
26 members have been received in the three churches
the field, not including the 19 others who were received
Parral, April 19th, all on confession of faith.
A great deal of interest was awakened by the Conference
the churches of the south of Chihuahua held in February.

Delegates were present in good numbers, especially from Zaragoza and Las Cuevas. Several sessions were attended by over a hundred. The convention was moderated efficiently by Sebastian Hernandez, and a full program was carried out in detail. Special interest centered in the reports of the Morales meetings previously held in Chihuahua, and these were followed by a powerful sermon on the Baptism of the Holy Spirit by Domingo Mata of Jimenez. Several were brought to take a stand for Christ, and all received spiritual benefit. A association of the churches and congregations of the South of the State was formally organized, with conferences to be held every six months.

The women's meetings directed by Miss Wright and Miss Prescott have been well sustained, and the society of Christian Endeavor has never before been in so flourishing a condition.

When Miss Wright decided that her poor health in Mexico made it necessary for her to give up work here, we were very much distressed for we had come to depend on her for so much. The brethren all mourned her departure, especially her large Sunday-school class of girls, most of whom having since professed conversion. Since Miss Wright left Parral, Miss Prescott and Mr. Reeds have been boarding with Mr. and Mrs. Knotts, earnest Christians who live in the missionary residence and help actively in the church work.

Outstations

Eugenio Rodriguez is doing faithful work in Zaragoza, and is well liked by the people. Since reaching the field in October

e has been carrying on a small school successfully, on which he has received no extra remuneration. Just at the ose of the year, the brethren there commenced the erection of a hapel at their own expense, in which Don Eugenio is helping. The Las Cuevas church has suffered much through e falling away and subsequent opposition of a prominent ember and because of the elopement of his daughter ith another church-member. A great deal of scandal nd just criticism have arisen in the community in consequence owever, the Parral Conference produced a new consecration on e part of several, and other members are coming back to the ow, so that the outlook is brighter. A private boy's school as been opened by one of the members which is well tronized and fairly well supported.

In Corral de Piedras, El Porteño, San Silvestre, Piedra Alum- and Tepozan, meetings have been held by the missionary m time to time, he having been out of Parral more than half e Sundays of the year, and in three of these places, they are ld regularly by the resident brethren. A few conversions have curred in Tepozan; but, in all of these places, owing removals, the work is more or less changeable and liable to come more so in the coming year. Corral de Piedras for ample is to be left by the present Christian renter, and ost of his christian people will leave with him.

Dolores, near Guadalupe y Calvo, in the extreme southwest rner of the State, presents an interesting opening, but on count of the great distance from Parral, about 250 miles, difficult of access. A native helper, though not a trained one, as sent there in May, with but small expense to the Mission nd in November, Mr. Olds visited the place and held a

week's meetings. Ten members were received, their names being enrolled in Parral, and 14 others were left as candidates. They have remained faithful and the work is expanding. A helper should be continued there and a visit made by a missionary in the near future. Another point of promise is San Pablo de Balleza, 65 miles west of Parral, on the road to Batopilas. Services were held in February with exceptional interest, and desires were expressed that some one be located there to preach the gospel regularly. There are no Christians as yet though two or three have read the Bible and are convinced of the truth. Eighteen miles down the Conchos river from Balleza is San Ignacio. There is also a company of believers, 10 or 12 already having given their names as candidates, and in several other places, both up and down the river, there are many ready to welcome the gospel. Mr. Ca[illegible] has expressed himself as of the opinion that two young men could find all they could do in that region at once. Meanwhile Parral itself must be thoroughly provided for. The erection of the church, the prospects of a railroad being built soon, and the increased activity in mining business, all demand more work than ever on the part of the missionary in this field. Sebastian Hernandez, who has been doing good work as helper during the year, teaching also in the each afternoon, has been released in view of the exigency in Batopilas to go to that point. If he is not returned to Parral, some one else is needed at once in order to keep the work from going down, and to help carry it on in the new points that are opening.

he Parral School has had enrolled sixty-eight pupils during the past year. Forty-two of these are girls.

Although our school is not recognized as a boarding school and we have no appropriation for such, yet eight boarders have been accommodated during the year and more that half their living expenses have been met by themselves.

It seemed necessary at the

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beginning of the year that we engage an assistant for the primary ~~asx~~ department and one from the regular school was asked to take the position. She has proved a treasure in her humble way. Her love for the little ones and their natural love for her are very striking. One of her little boys, when playing with his little catholic mates in the street, will correct them for saying bad words. If they do not mind him, he will say, "Francisca Porras" - his teacher says it is wicked to use

those words and you
must not do it".
This teacher has been
a pupil in the school
since its beginning in
1886.
During the months of
Feb. and Nov. a former
student teacher of the Chihuahua
Boarding School assisted
afternoons giving an
opportunity to Miss
Prescott to do other
missionary work outside
the school.
At the beginning of
the new year this assistant
returned to the Chihuahua
school and it was thought
best to give some school
work to the student helper

who was aiding the missi-
ary in the evangelistic work
His services were very ac-
ceptable but feeling that
he was needed more in
Batopilas he was sent there
Miss Mary P. Wright althou
not sent to Parral during
the year, as a teacher has
been of much service in
many ways
When the ~~scho~~ church build
was commenced the first of
April it was necessary that
the school should be remove
as it had been occupying
the property for school for the
years. We have succeeded in
renting a building which
is quite satisfactory.
Pres. Ch. 10/18/96

Mrs. Lincoln
Mrs. Baker
3/31/96

E. B. 13-97.

Chihuahua Station

And Out Stations.

Year ending March 31, 1897

From the central station it is our privilege to report, ~~that~~ (1) (The) the history of the year has been one of progress in every particular. A part of this ~~we~~ we gratefully ascribe to the continued gracious influence of the special meetings held in January 1896, under the leadership of Rev. Arcodio Morales, of Mexico City, ~~and of which an account was given one year ago.~~

The number of new members received on confession of faith, is larger than in any previous year since the church was organized.

The attendance upon all the regular services is greater than ever before, and, as might easily be inferred from these facts, the spiritual tone of the church is higher than ever.

One notable visit to the church was made during the year, by Dr. & Mrs F. E. Clark, on their way to the National Convention of Christian Endeavour Societies in Zacatecas; and a native deligate to the same convention was sent by ~~our~~ the local society, ~~his expenses being paid by the Society with the aid of some members of the church.~~

The church was also represented at the Second General Assembly of Christian Workers

in Mexico City, by two of its members, ~~one an officer, the other a member of the Christian Endeavor Society, who made the journey wholly at their own charges, 1,000 miles each way.~~

The Church has taken a long step forward in the matter of Self Support, having agreed ~~(at its annual meeting in May, 1896)~~ by means of a special subscription, to contribute $ 20.00 monthly toward the support of an assistant pastor, ~~in the person of one of its deacons, Sr. J. Z. Hernandez, besides making its annual offerings to meet the incidental expenses.~~

The total of its contributions amounts to $ 505.08, which is an advance over the preceding year (~~when, however, the sum of $175.00 was sent to the Treasurer of the American Board, since the church had no native preacher to provide for.~~) of $ 204.53. Over $100. was sent to aid the suffering Armenians

~~The special outside gift, of this last year, was of something over $ 100.00 to aid the suffering Armenians.~~

The offerings of the English speaking congregation amounting to $ 168.18 of course are not included in these figures:

There has also been a gain in the ~~amount~~ number of religious books, tracts and periodicals put into circulation, in the city & field, $466. worth having been sold. ~~including the out-stations.~~

The ~~sum of~~ cash ~~receipts~~ on this account has been $ 466.00.

~~The number of copies of Scriptures put in circulation is an advance over the previous year, having been 187 Bibles, 85 Testaments, 77 Psalms and the cash received for these, $132.50 Total $598.54~~

Out-Stations.

In Sonora: For the six months, June - Nov. the work done in Hermosillo and La Colorada by Sr. Ignacio Lopez, was reported to this station, on account of the lack of a missionary resident in Sonora. So far as can be judged from his letters and monthly statements, Sr. Lopez has labored faithfully and with an encouraging degree of success. The books received by him directly from the American Tract Society, and the periodicals from Mexico & Guadalajara, even when paid through this office, are not included in the figures given for Chihuahua & out-stations.

Batopilas:-

As ordered by the mission, Sr. Josi M. Ibáñez, formerly in Ciudad Juarez, went to this place, arriving in Chihuahua, on his way May 30th. His monthly reports have been models of clearness and accuracy, and notwithstanding his rather delicate state of health, and one very serious fit of sickness, he has accomplished an excellent work.

The meetings at the jail begun by Mr Case, have

been sustained throughout the year; new members have been received, and the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper administered to the remote congregation, by special vote of the church authorizing the preacher to do this, and after consultation had with the President and Treasurer of the mission; mite chests have been introduced, & the church members stimulated to give, which they have done to an encouraging extent considering the scarcity of money in circulation during a large part of the year; over 100 copies of evangelical periodicals have been subscribed for, and thousands of tracts distributed.

Miss Burris has carried on her school work without interruption, and has enjoyed good health since she has been permitted to board with lady friends at the hospital of the mining Co. But these are going away at the end of next summer, and it seems absolutely necessary for the sake of her health, that Miss Burris be provided in some way with an American associate, in order that she be not obliged to live with a Mexican Family.

Grateful mention is made of the friendliness shown for our church and school work, and the substantial support accorded it, by Gov & Mrs. Alex R. Shepherd.

Jiménez.

The progreso of the work in this place and vicinity was interrupted by the departure for the United States of Domingo A. Mata, in Sept.

last, especially as just before this date some things occurred which occasioned some feeling of dissatisfaction with Mata in the young church. Partly owing to the ill health of his wife, it was not easy to get him to visit the outside places for which he was responsible, so that in the 5 months covered by this report, he did not go once to Santa Rosalia, and only twice to Villa Lopez.

But for two months of the past winter, the Chihuahua church lent Deacon F. Z. Hernandez & wife to care for that field, and their labors were abundant & fruitful.

A large number of pastoral calls were made, some offended brethren reconciled, new members made ready to be received by the missionary, upon its visit in January; and 25 or 30 new subscribers obtained for religious papers. Doubtless the Church would be glad to secure the continued help of the same faithful brethren

Jimenez is progressing in a business point of view and that place should be strongly upheld.

San Buenaventura.

This place was visited on the occasion of the 7th anniversary of the organization of the little church, when an interesting program of exercises which had been prepared by the Christian Endeavour Society, was presented in the private parlor which has been the place of meeting for some time.

The chapel, however, which Deacon Romero is building at his own charges, approaches early completion, since walls & roof are finished

and doors and windows in place. A 550 pound bell, from the C. S. Bell Co., Hillsboro, O. was shipped on the 26th of February last for this point, the gift chiefly of friends in Montclair N. J., and the only help which Sr. Romero has received.

Santa Rosalia:-

It may be remembered that at our last annual meeting a petition came to us, from a few believers in that place, through one Sr. Q Robles, for a preacher to visit them, if not to reside there. As already stated, it has not been possible to get D. A. Mato to go there: but the missionary went in July, and again in October, and Sr Hernandez the first of December. Since our Southern Methodist brethern have made no attempt, for years past, to do anything there, and there is a little band of believers, led by the faithful brother Robles, of the Zaragoza church, we ought, if possible, to care for them.

Villa Lopez:- (Atotonilco.)

Since the day school there was suspended, over a year ago, there has been no resident preacher; and during the first half of the past year, only two visits were made by Neata; and for most of the time there has been no stated worship held by the few brethren. But Sr Hernandez were greeted by large & enthusiastic congregations, and individuals came to talk with them nightly, on the occasions of their

two prolonged visits keeping up the study of the word till midnight.

The same might be said of the little settlement of Palomas, between Jimenez & Lopez, where congregations of 35 or 40 were gathered and inquirers kept asking questions till late at night.

Report of the work done by & for women, & by the Christian Endeavor Societies at this station & out stations was prepared by Mrs. Eaton.

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(2) The interest in the woman's meetings, held every Tuesday afternoon, was never greater than at the present with an average attendance is thirty-five, and the study of the life of Christ, according to Robinson's Harmony of the Gospels, which has been pursued, with occasional interruptions by special topics has been most stimulating and helpful to all. Part of the hour each week is devoted to hearing reports of the work done by the Willing Workers, as a company of eight or nine women are called, who give some time each week to visiting in the homes of their neighbors, and reading the word of God.

When our sister Antonia said good-bye for a season, as she went to work in Jimenez, she particularly recommended this work which she has always done so willingly, to those who were left behind, and since then there has been more activity than formerly. (3) Different women, often

accompanied by some of the older girls, dedicate Sunday afternoons to holding neighborhood meetings, so that from seven to ten of these are often held, some in the homes of invalid church members, and others among the unconverted. Hundreds of tracts are distributed by these good sisters monthly, one of them having given many among the soldiers and prisoners.

Our Christian Endeavor Society has increased its active membership to forty, seven more having been received and dismissed to form a new society in El Pueblito. A library has been given to the society, and Good Literature Prayer and Music Committees have been added to those already existing. The first Wednesday evening in each month is occupied by the Society, which presents missionary and temperance programs alternately On Christian Endeavor Day the Society took the Sunday evening service very acceptably, in the pastor's absence.

The envelope system of giving has been introduced, with encouraging results. The Society sent a delegate to Zacatecas last June, and is now collecting funds to send the president (Teodosio Guerrero) to Saltillo. A Junior Christian Endeavor Society has been formed with 25 active members, under the able leadership of Jesusita Montoya and Josefa Madrid both of the Senior class in school.

In Batopilas, the two Societies Young Peoples and Junior are doing well, and are an aid to the pastor in his work.

A womans meeting is held every Tuesday in Jimenez, led by a young woman, member of the Christian Endeavor Society. This Society which was reorganized in January, is now responsible for all the meetings of the Church which it holds regularly.

In Pueblito, the little company of seven who went from our Society, has been increased by members of three new families and a Society has been regularly organized where before, nothing had been known of the Gospel

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Report of the "Colegio Chihuahuense" for 1896 & 1897.

The number of pupils thus far, has been about the same as last year, with the same no. of boarding pupils. One new one has come to us from the state of Sonora.

The Kindergarten Dep.t has suffered from removals and sickness during the year, but those who have been regular in attendance have made progress in various ways. Cleanliness has been so impressed upon them that many times "Yo vengo limpio" is the general salutation, while the one who is not clean is the subject of not-at-all complimentary remark. Especial effort has been made to inculcate reverence, and thoughtfulness for others.

Some days a decided improvement can be seen, but there are many others when bull-fighters, circus-riders and "carretas" seem to occupy the entire ground, till one's heart fails her at the thought of conquering such territory. This spring each child has had a little spot of ground in which he has sowed some seeds, and every day they march out to water them. At Christmas time they trimmed a tree with presents made by their own hands and really seemed to enjoy working for others without thoughts of themselves. Only one child remarked "and what is for me?" and she is as selfish a child as ever breathed, that is, that her teacher has come in contact with. She continually calls into play one of the Kindergarten maxims "Love is more divine

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when it loves according to need and not according to want."

We were obliged to face the new school year with all its additional work for the Senior class, and our teaching force reduced by the loss of Miss Long, who had rendered valuable service the last year. Our older girls seemed to feel almost as badly as we when they returned and found she had gone to Guadalajara, but with true christian spirit they in every way showed their willingness to do all in their power to help fill her place.

They have done much of the Primary work, although it has made their time more crowded than had seemed wise or prudent with all their own class work, and obligations in connection with the C. E. Societies. In Dec., we were able to secure the assistance of a Mexican Señorita from Nueva Leon, who has had a course of study at the Presb.n School in Saltillo.

Jesus Montoya of the Senior class has made an efficient Supt., of the Junior Endeavor Society, and Josefa Madrid Assist. Supt. This has added to their responsibilities, often taking much of their time on Saturdays, in preparing for the meetings, teaching the little ones how to do &c., but we have been glad to see the hearty spirit with which they have entered into all. Mrs Eaton has continued to give a class in Vocal music every week. The advanced class has adopted the Sol-fes Method of Eslava, that is used in the public Schools, and is doing good

work with it.
We have continued to have monthly "literary entertainments" for the benefit of the parents and friends, as well as the pupils themselves. It has been encouraging to us, who often feel that we see little or no advancement to have the parents observe the progress made from one year to another.
At these "entertainments" we have always had three or four classes, selecting not more than one from a grade. The senior girls have had to take their turns in presenting a class, which has given them helpful practice. They have also been out to visit the public schools of the city and take notes on the work of the same. They were chosen as editors of the School-paper called "La Abeja," to which nearly all of the older girls contributed something, and which was read at a Literary and Musical entertainment given for the Christian Endeavor Co., in Feb.
It is customary to have "news" reports every Friday. In this way our girls have become interested in the various questions of the day which so much concern the welfare of all lands, as the difficulties between Spain and Cuba; Turkey, Crete and Greece, &c, &c. Bookkeeping has been added to our course and taught by a native teacher, which has seemed to be very gratifying to the parents of the members of the class. One of these, who comes from Nadiquipa, spent an hour in listening to and watching the class recently, and

remarked of his daughter afterwards, "I am satisfied now, because I see she is learning something that will be a help to me."

Our Library has rec'd several gifts this year and has continued to be a great blessing to our School-Home. All of the older girls have learned to use the books of reference, in a way which is seen and felt by many others, as for instance in preparing their resumés of the book of the Bible, read during the month, for the monthly meeting of the C. E. So., Essays &c, &c.

We have great reason for gratitude that neither sickness or death has entered our circle, thus far this year. There have been four to unite with the church.

Rev. Mr Johnson of New Jersey kindly consented to give a course of Lectures on Astronomy. These are particularly for the Senior Class who can understand them in English, but any who have felt interested to do so have been at liberty to attend.

(4) The little Sunday morning prayer-meeting held for twenty minutes just before going to Sunday School, has often times been very interesting. Each girl prays for her own Village and those who may try to work for the Board there that day, some of these prayers have been very touching; they seem sometimes to forget the presence of all others and to plead with

Christ for souls in their own homes or towns. Special prayer is also offered for the "neighborhood meetings" held in different parts of the city in the afternoon.

We hope that the three girls who are to graduate in May will all go forth to do good work as teachers.

Jesus Montoya, already known by many of our missionaries is 25 yrs. of age, has had four years experience in teaching, which with her earnest consecration to the Lord's work would seem to make her well equipped for good service.

Lidia Romero is only 18 yrs. of age, has had the experience which all in the Normal class have, she would prefer to teach under the direction of another and we think she would do better work in this way, at least for a year or two.

ANNUAL REPORT of ELPASO STATION,

MEXICO MISSION of the A. B. C. F. M.

for the year ending March 31st, 1897.

The Work of the Missionary.

(11) In the church work of this ~~Mission~~ station, this has been a year of great blessing, morein the spiritual condition of the members, than in any marked addition of members. ~~The two months trip through~~ the mountain region, visiting the Batopilas field and the Dolores group of brethren, with the many opportunities on the way to preach in new places, was a privilege and a preparation for work on returning. Very soon after getting back toour home increased interest was noted in the congregation; special services were held on the street, illustrated with the Magic Lantern, for more than two weeks; the church building was filled to overflowing often, and all the members were quickened in spiritual life. ~~A result of this~~ is seen in the public confession ~~of Christ by~~ over thirty persons ~~during the months that followed.~~ The whole number received to the church for the year is 23, 15 of whom were by confession of faith. ~~(Five of these were received just too late to be included in the statistical report.)~~

The Sunday School, C. E. Soc., and the Junior Soc. of C.E. all show the effect of this blessing, ~~and~~ the work in the county jail, where services are held in Spanish by the students, each Sabbath, and usually in English, by myself, has also prospered, as shown in the conversion of several of the inmates, ~~the organization of a~~ S.S., a weekly prayer-meeting, and a C.E. Soc. has been organized among theMexicans there.

The women's meetings have been sustained during the whole year with great profit to the whole church.

Native Helper.

Under this head I will report the work of Sr. Julián Carrasco in C. Juárez, although it must be understood that he cannot givemuch time to that church because of his duties in the school. As my only assistant, he spends eight hours a day away from his home for five days in the week. In October he moved from this to the other side of the river, in order to be able to help them more, and the chapel was then changed to a more central position. He has worked faithfully, keeping up all of their services, and our fear that Mr. Hoblit would eventually draw away from us several members whom he had secured during the summer as attendants, have not beeb verified. Two new converts have been secured, not received to the church yet, however, and I think that when the school closes, and the preacher can give his whole time to the work, we may expect more growth.

The Training School.

This year has been an experiment, to see if it were possible to continue the school in any way, upon the half of the money allowed us before. The experiment has been a success so far, but has cost us the reduction of the teaching force, the loss of one-half of the students, the entire Manual Training feature of the institution, andthe greater part of the work of the printing press. All of the students still work at something each day, helping in the housework, in chorring, and keeping the property in repair, and in a little simple printing.

(13) There has been a gain in the character of the students admitted, and in the application to their studies. The branches taught are:- Two classes in Arith.; two in Algebra; two in Geog.; one in Rhetoric; two in Gram.; one in Nat. History; one in Hist. of Civilization; one in the Old Test. from Sam. to Mal.; one in "The Kingdom of God" for translation from English and study; one in English; one in the Life of Jesus, from the Bible; one in "The Bible Verified" which is just finished, and the class has begun Mr. Bissell's translation of"Plain Reasons".

The students now in the school are Refugio de la O, sent by the Presbyterians and supported by them, paying $9 Am. money a month; Isabel Balderas, whose work in Dolores last summer, and in our Junior Soc. of C.E. have shown him to be one of the most popular, efficient and teachable students that we havehad; Jesús Valencia, who also did good work last summer, and shows a good disposition and ability; Federico Ponce, who has had very little experience in public work yet, but is a most earnest and consecrated Christian, and one of the best in the school in his studies; Jesús Nava, one whose general appearance is preposessing, good as a speaker, but who has not developed as some others in practical Christian work, and who has tried me in some ways a good deal; Cecilio Ortega, a very competent fellow, but whose love of fun leads him into mischief often. I confess to some doubt in regard to the future of the two last named as workers, although they

are both capable of doing good work, and may develop much better than I think. These five have been receiving $3 Am. a month in aid, besides their board, washing and books. Valencia, Ortega and are ahead of the others in a few branches, but I have been able to classify them so as not to multiply the number of recitations much. After these follow Manuel Elias, whose father keeps him in clothes, and we furnish the rest; a boy of much promise and good spirit; Daniel Molina, 24 years of agg, the oldest in the school now, and Martin Montoya, who form the lowest class, Elias being in the middle class. Neither Molina nor Montoya is especially quick in study, not of very attractive manner in public, but both are earnest Christians, anxious to do what they can. Daniel is quite a worker, and I think that he would do well in a humble field, but I am afraid that Martin will never be very acceptable in the work.

I would unhesitatingly recommend the continuance of Balderas, Valencia, Ponce and Elias, and presumethat we would better continue Ortega and Nava at least a year more, but am not sure that it would be best to do so with Molina and Montoya. I favor the return of Ignacio López to the school next year, in accordance with the tacit agreement with him last year, and the admittance of Gregorio Duarte, from Hermosillo.

In regard to the future, I will say that I would prefer to be transferred to another field and work, partly on account of my health, (which, however, is not such as to demand the change) and partly be

cause I believe that some one else might be able to enlarge the scope of the institution so as better to supply what we need in the Mission. This would involve considerable expense, and I do not urge this personal opinion and preference, if the Mission prefers to continue under the present management of the school.

So far as I now see, it can be continued on the present plan without an increase in the appropriation, if thought best. I am strongly of the opinion, as I have been from the first, that we ought to provide two residents missionaries in the place where the school is carried on, and I am still of the opinion that this is the best place for the school. (Read Dr. Barton's letter.)

It has been suggested that the school be transferred to some point in the interior of Mexico. This would invlove 1st, The almost certain loss of a prosperous church work here; 2d, The expense of moving family and material for the school; 3d, Rent for buildings; 4th, The loss of convenience in well arranged buildings. The gains which I see are, the probable stimulating of the general work in the field selected; a small reduction in the cost of the board of the students; and removal of the students from the influence of the U.S., which some fear will unfit them for the work among their own people. It does not seem to me that the last point should be a valid one if the school is rightly conducted, and I have not been able to see that we have suffered from that influence so far.

The plan of uniting with the Presbyterians has also been spoken

of, and at a joint meeting of the representatives of the Presbyterian societies and our mission present in Mexico City at the "Asamblea General", Mr. Miller and myself were appointed a committee on such a plan. Mr. Miller has been designated by that mission to open again their theological school in thevicinity of Mexico City, next July. I have talked with a good many of the missionaries, and find that almost all agree that the distance that separates our work, and the difference of climates and material to work upon make such a plan impracticable. We will, however, continue our investigation, and endeavor to present some formal report by another year.

I will only add that, after knowing of the work done by the other denominations along this line, and of their difficulties, I am quite convinced that we have made a very good beginning in this work of educating a native ministry, and that we have no reason to be discouraged nor to regret the methods adopted so far.

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Puerto Station.

Report, year ending March 31, 1897.

We have been enabled to carry out, to a considerable extent, the plan suggested at last Annual Meeting, that of spending longer time in various points visited, and the results has been seen in a deepening impression in many minds. Effort has also been made to so divide the time as to give to the town of Puerto a somewhat larger proportion than heretofore, altho the touring has been, as always, the pressing work.

(8) Annual Report of the station

Throughout the year, and in almost all cases, the hearing gained has been very encouraging. The purpose and aim, to so present Christ that souls might be led to saving faith now and here, has been rewarded in this;— that there has seemed to be a fixing of the attention, in audiences and in individual cases, as never before. An ingathering of converts, however, we are not able to report.

We feel that we have come into personal touch with many in a most hopeful way. In Puerto the attendance and interest in the meetings in January was such that we could not close them until three weeks had been occupied and the claims of other points seemed imperative.

The church is working along various lines— in the shop and the home, ~~and~~ in contributions, in distribution of literature and in the study of The Life. Special interest ~~to show~~ has been developed in connection with the Blakeslee Lessons, and in

the preparation of a Harmony of the Gospels in which ~~the~~ members of the Sabbath School are assisting.

One has been added to church membership ~~the~~ during the year, — ~~a~~ sister who but a few years since was a romanist of the bitter sort.

Two trips have been made to Ocoroni since last Annual Meeting, by missionary and wife. The work there seems to be in a growing state, in spite of strong opposition. This may be counted as spontaneous & natural growth, outside our own regular field.

Fuerte

Fuerte, March 25, 1897.

Harry M. Disselhorst

year ending March 31, 1897

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Report of the Guadalajara Station

April 1st 1896 to March 31st 1897

The year has been marked by no event of extraordinary importance. The missionary in charge was unexpectedly absent from the country for about a week, accompanying his wife in taking their youngest child to a Sanitarium, the latter remaining away for nearly six months. Miss Long joined us in September, being employed by the Woman's Board to assist Miss Haskins in the school. In February she received her regular appointment as missionary. She has remained in the Station, awaiting action of the Mission in its Annual Meeting. Believing that her coming to us was divinely ordered, the Station would urge that she be allowed to remain, unless there should appear to be some clear indication of her being Providentially called to some other field. Miss Haskins has had the comfort and aid of her mother during the year.

(5) The church has, on the whole, had a prosperous year. Ten, ~~14~~ were received on confession of their faith. The attendance has been larger than ever before, that of the Sunday School passing one hundred for several successive Sundays ~~secently~~, the morning service being still more largely attended. Contributions have been larger than ever before. The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor has done good work,

gaining slightly in numbers. ~~It had four representatives in the Convention in Zacatecas, the expense of two of whom were paid by the society.~~ A Junior Society has been formed and is doing excellent work ~~under the wise and earnest direction of Miss Long.~~ The event of greatest interest has been the "Morales" meeting in February. All the congregations united and the church building was filled at the evening services which were continued very successfully for five days after the departure of Mr. Morales. As a partial result there are about thirty candidates and others that are interested. Of even more importance is the quickening and deepening of the spiritual life of the members. All of Mr. Morales' expenses were paid and a gratification of thirty dollars was given him by the churches, aided by the English congregation.

The paper has, we think, been somewhat improved, and has at last attained a Hand Book, which seems to have been well received. New subscriptions are being received, but the total issue is only fifty larger than last year, owing to reductions in some large clubs.

Miguel Magdaleno has done faithful work in Acapulco, tho' only three (3) have been received to membership. The school, which he conducted with the aid of his daughter Maria, has been discontinued, and the testimony of the parents is that the children are doing well in the municipal schools. The Y. P. S. C. E. is not large, but is well supported and is carrying on an important work. The Junior Society which has been formed during the

year, has been quite successful, though it lacks the skill and experience in leadership which we could wish for it. The church has raised more money than ever before for repairs and other expenditures; but there seems to be little prospect of any real effort toward the support of the preacher. The new M. E. presiding elder has decided to close their work in the town and is trying to sell their property.

Don Lino Pacas' salary from the Mission ceased with June, but it has seemed best to continue to give him ten dollars a month since, from private sources. He goes every week to San Sebastián, and frequently to San Agustín and Cajitillán. He has some excellent qualities as an evangelist and a good deal of earnestness.

Sebastián Ramos has visited San Miguel two or more times a month, and Citala, Ayo and other points less frequently, he being on the road most of the time. In San Miguel there has been decided progress, new ones continually becoming interested and very few, if any, losing their interest when once it has been awakened. Attendance at services has not been greatly increased owing to the fact that many have moved into the city, with the object of securing work and better educational advantages. Most of these, however, have small homesteads in the village and will return after a time. A house for services and entertainment for visiting preachers are

furnished by the people, and the Mission has never spent a cent in the place. The church at Guadalajara sent two of its members to visit the place at Christmas, holding a very successful celebration.

The house in La Barca has been sold, for a little less than the original cost. It was rapidly deteriorating, so that it was necessary to either sell or make extensive repairs. Josè Lara and his wife still remain in the place, supporting themselves by making pottery; but it is somewhat doubtful just what is their real influence.

The brethren in Citala seem to have continued faithful, but there has been a deplorable lack of success in extension. This is probably largely due to expensive efforts put forth by some intelligent fanatics, who have since left the place

John Lowrie

Mar 31-97

Guadalajara

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Report of the Guadalajara School.

As our school year still lacks the last four months, we cannot be expected to give a complete report of numbers or of work accomplished.

From March 1896 to March 1897 one hundred pupils have been enrolled. School closed August 6th. A short session for some primaries was continued until the other departments were opened, October 19th.

In vacation we were made exceeding glad by the news that Miss Long was coming to our assistance. She arrived September 7th, and as she had already passed three months vacation was ready to take up work, until school began, with some of the English pupils.

Her efficiency in school as well as in the use of the language, and her devotion to the work are constant causes for satisfaction and joy. We cannot be too grateful that Providence sent her and most fervently hope that she will be allowed to remain in the school in Guadalajara, most of all because, in the most important work for the progress and growth of these dear girls in

Spiritual life and Christian character, she is intensely interested.

In the main, the general conduct and progress of the girls thus far has been very good. They have given less occasion for discipline than in previous years. In part this is due to the fact that Mr. and Mrs. Blachly were so good as to undertake the care of the most willful orphan, one who has given us much trouble for the past five years.

All know of and rejoice with us in the blessings that came to us during the meetings held when Mr. Morales was with us and afterwards. These were precious days and full of inexpressible joy when, at last, all of the older girls had expressed their desire and resolve to begin a new life and be true children of God. The work of the Spirit, so long hoped and prayed for has begun.

Two weeks ago two of our brightest boarders who have been in school three years were taken away. Strong influences from certain fanatical sources have for some time been working for this end.

We follow them with earnest prayer that He whose tender compassion and wonderful love are round about his creatures will care for these little ones and keep them for His own.

We had expected to report at this time that our "Course of Study" had been completed and approved, but force of circumstances has prevented. We anticipate, however, that but a few weeks will pass ere we shall know how long it will be before we can have a graduating class.

(6) (As we review this year of labor and find so many causes for joy and thankfulness, we feel a greater need of more faith, more consecration, more spiritual power that these heavier responsibilities and larger opportunities may not fail in bringing larger and better results.)

(Signed) Belle M. Haskins

Guadalajara, Mexico
March 27th 1897

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Report of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Wagner for the Guerrero and Sonora fields of the A. B. C. F. M.

This year we spent eight months in the Guerrero field and four in that of Sonora.

These two fields are, excepting El Fuerte, not only the newest fields of the mission but also the ~~newest~~ most neglected ones. Though both received stationed missionaries in 1886, the Sonora field has been occupied, off and on, for less than nine years, and the Guerrero for less than six. (9) Neither field has received ~~has received~~ ~~hardly any~~ much of any help in the line of schools and the Guerrero field very little from native workers. Yet in both of them there are many open points and a far larger number of inquirers than other fields I witnessed. Especially is this the case with the large Guerrero field.

During ~~on~~ eight months in Guerrero, I travelled some 1600 miles in carriage and horseback, holding regular services at twenty two different places. At least 1200 different persons attended one whole or more services, not counting of course the many interested listeners often standing for a whole service at the doors and windows. On account of contagious diseases & inconvenience, four other points

where successful meetings had previously been held were not visited. At a few places the meetings were held with one and two families only while at some others more than a hundred attended. Some of the places are not of much importance as to the number of inhabitants, but eleven of them are towns ranging from from five hundred to twenty five hundred people and the rest are smaller towns, haciendas & ranches. But even some of these small places are the centre for three and four times their own population. They are also well scattered over the field only three of the 22 places are within three miles of each other. (10) Omitting the distant Jesus Maria district there are within a radius of seventy miles from Guerrero twenty points where successful meetings have been held and quite promise of fruitfulness in the near future. Within this same radius of 70 miles, there are about twenty eight thousand people, thirty three Roman catholic churches, standing or half tumbled down, and six priests. There is a general interest of inquiry over the whole field and I know of but three towns of a population of two-hundred or more where there is no believer

that in his own way does not works for our cause. Some of those doing so do not practice what they preach and are far yet from being christians, but it shows the openness of the field and the need of working it before indifference, skepticism, or the unexpected Romanism, gain those now interested in the Gospel.

Though the church membership is small, the christian community is far larger and has increased largely. In general the lives of the members is good and though some do not live the exemplary lives desired, none seem to have deserted to work for the cause. One need not hesitate to say that the middle and better class, so called, is reached. Though none of the so called better class are church members as most of them seem to have peculiar temptations to keep them from living fully up to the Gospel, ~~they~~ many nevertheless attend our services regularly and help perhaps more than any human instrument in gaining public respect and in spreading the evangelical christian sentiment.

Guerrero though the headquarters has not in proportion to the work and prayer given as much promise as some other points. But the community

has shown a very friendly and helpful attitude toward us. Some of the leading people and merchants attend the sunday evening service regularly. Society has as yet kept many believers from attending the services, but there are very few if any people in the town who have not stood outside listening and few families that have not been represented in a meeting. The number listening outside is often as large as the audience of forty and fifty inside. Services were held four times a week. The S.S. school averages over thirty and the sunday evening audience about ~~45~~ 50, though on some special occasions the room was packed ~~to~~ with nearly two-hundred people. There were no members received but there are a number of candidates and many others who have made real progress in the christian life but on account of family opposition have, I think, wisely, not yet taken that step. So also there are many scattered over the whole field who seem to be christians but on account of their little training and few advantages a good long trial seems wiser. Though Romanism is in a sense back of society and indifference to the Gospel, nevertheless these two seem the greatest drawback.

San Isidro. This place is the least encouraging of all. A number of the members do not walk worthy of their calling, there are few new-comers. The place is indifferent.
Cusilucualic. This place is slowly recovering from the desertion it received when the silver mill burned down. But a few members have returned and on account of the few people there and little interest, it has received little attention. At a few places near by there was the promise of progress made. The town is improving again and hope the Gospel may again make a favorable impression.

The other points are either new places, or the work is in such a primitive or neglected state, that one has to report them with the same uncertainty and we would not yet want to call them stations. For convenience we shall divide them into six different districts around which other points center.

Nanuquipa. This place has not yet fully recovered from the shock protestantism received a few years ago from a persecution and false rumors. There is however quite a circle of believers and as many more in places near by. Many of these are amongst the most influential people in the place. Ignorance and inability to read on the part of so many have hindered in making much progress.

Bachimba. Here no progress was made. Some hacendas near by looking more hopeful could not be visited when

that circuit was made.

Santa Tomas. This district is quite Romanist and ignorant. The few believers received the stimulus of a few more who returned converted from Romanism from the Morales meetings in Chihuahua. Though there may not be any real christians in this district two promising meetings were held at two different places. Cerro Prieto and Temechic. These two places may furnish a contrast. At the former there are a few believers but at a meeting held only some twenty came out while at the latter place we know of but one believer and he is a shy one, but on the invitation of two English poolestown families living there two meetings were held attended by more than one hundred. Yet at the former place the work is pretty certain to continue while at the latter it may.

Bocoyna. This place is in the heart of the sierras, about 70 miles south of Guerrero. It has about four hundred people and some six hundred more in ranchos round about. The leading man has been a believer for some time and as nearly all the people are relatives or friends of his, they follow him very much. The people seem good hearted and religious. At ~~four~~ meetings held in succession four evenings, the meetings averaged nearly one-hundred and paid most earnest attention. However they never knew any other

but the Roman religion and even thought there could be no other good one. They seemed pretty well convinced of the truths presented but the priest had his say to them afterwards and discouraged some while he encouraged others. The town now wants a public discussion by two representatives, one from each cause. The bible is to be used as the only authority.

Jesus Maria and El Refugio. Here there are a number of believers and a good many more so ready to inquire into our cause. But the mines are being bitterworked, the people leaving, and the distant from any missionary headquarters great, so that it may not need so much attention.

This field of Guerrero is large and promising. Though the population is not so great as yet, it will soon be so. Its resources for mining, lumbering, grazing and agriculture are great and only being developed. Though the mines do fail the remaining resources call in a steady increasing population. Just how to work it to the best advantage is difficult. To put a native in each of these districts would be unwise even if the men & means could be had. The people are not yet ready to support the men **nor is it to be expected.** I think however to have an assistant travelling native evangelist is almost necessary. The people would help a good deal in supporting him and self-support would thus grow with the work.

Sonora.

With this field we were in many respects favorably surprised though admitting that it is in many respects a peculiarly difficult field. The members in actual good standing are few, only 14 (?) three of which were received this year and some of the rest could not be so very highly recommended. This leaves a small Christian community and it, with the fact that so many members that had been received had to be suspended years ago, constitutes the discouraging feature of the work. But the seed sown, under great difficulties, by the Crawfords and other laborers, is growing and if we forget the past discouragements and look into the future we can see the promise of fruitfulness.

I do not think that it is unjust to say that the complex mixture of the Sonora people, and their direct and indirect contact with an American element so often far from christian, ~~has left them with a temperament and character~~, though in some respects more civilized, has nevertheless left them with a character and moral continuity inferior to what one would expect ~~from~~ in most parts of Mexico. They are not very religious in their own religion, nor do they seem as conscientious about it as many Mexicans. They are liberal, like and accept the Gospel but to come forth and live up to it is not so common. We hope the grace of God may thoroughly change

change them. If once a real christian community were established the work might grow exceedingly well.

In Hermosillo there are only two members in real good standing, the rest have moved, names erased, or died. When we arrived in Dec. the meetings seldom numbered less than 20 which as Dr. Lopez told us nearly all came out during the two months previous. Some regular services were attended by nearly double this number, and at Christmas the house was full but not to much honor. The number of attendants has decreased since, due perhaps to the fact that Dec. is christmas month and the Hermosillo people seem favorably inclined to be around at christmas time. However some fifteen are reported as pretty steadfast and some wish to be received.

The town seems to have a fair knowledge of Ev. christianity and Romanism is less strong than in most other towns of its size. Indifference, society and worldliness holds the people back. Crowds can be gotten to attend the church on special occasions but we has to judge it by some of the crowds in city mission churches at home, - it will disappoint. Still as to the human agency I believe that if a steady christian community were once established and a worker that the work would become very encouraging. This is coming but the number is small and too uncertain as well as a proper working force. At La Colorada we spent the last three months. Here there are ten members

in good standing, though a question mark might be attached to some. There are nearly the same number of the M. E. church who attend the services quite faithfully. The work though amongst a transient people of a mining camp is really encouraging. The Sunday school during the last two months ~~this time~~ averaged more than thirty and the Sunday evening services some 60, there being a christian community the whole camp feels its influence. There are many adherents and some wishing to unite as members. The drawback to the work is that the population is very transitory, compulsory Sunday labor for those working for the mining company, and the old trouble of the disciples of Jesus as to who is the greatest seems to be bothering this congregation also.

Minas Paritas might be called a part of La Colorada. Some services were held here and if a good room could be had, a good congregation might be formed here also. The renting or building of a little chapel is desirable if the work continues so well in the camp. This could probably be done without expense to the Board through the aid of La Colorada congregation and some Americans. In these two towns nearly one hundred dollars worth of Scriptures and Evangelical christian literature was sold during the last three months. So do this an house to house canvass was made.

Fourteen and twenty leagues n. e. of this camp there are two towns of five hundred and 1,000 people. (over

Report of W. J. Kopper, for the Guaymas and Sonora fields for 1896-7.

Report of visit to Guaymas and Sonora fields.

There were visited and from the interest manifested would pronounce them as very promising openings for the Gospel. The latter town Matape is the centre of about 8000 people within twenty five miles. In some of these other towns there are also believers, though not yet visited by any worker. The climate here is cooler and would perhaps be the place where a missionary family could spend the hot summer months fairly comfortably and yet in a worthy field of missionary labor.

Torres is the station town at the junction from Hermosillo to Sa Colorada. It has a population of some 600. There is no family of believers here and others that occasionally come to meetings.

These six are the only points visited in this field. Other places could I think be developed in the Sonora field though its encouragements are covered with some difficulties is worthy of a good laborer. The day may be near when it may give abundant success.

School in Batopilas

Report for Year ending Mar. 31/97

After a two months' vacation, spent very pleasantly with a friend in the hospital, school reopened, this time in a building belonging the Batopilas Mining Co., which had been fitted up for said purpose, Gov. Shepherd having very kindly offered us the use of it.

We were a little fearful of the effect of the change upon the attendance as the building is situated about a mile from the center of town and these people are not accustomed to going distances without a chaperon.

However, we accepted the offer, hoping to be able to retain our hold upon those of the past year and at the same time reach some of those living around the mines. I regret to say that our aim was not attained. We find the hold of superstition and fanaticism just as strong here as in town and we have not only

been unable to win any new children for the Sunday School, but have lost our hold upon some of those who were removed from our influence by the change.

Gov. Shepherd's family has shown quite an interest in the school and helped not a little financially but nothing seemed to be able to draw the children into the church. Mrs. Wilkie, a pleasant little american lady has shown quite an interest in us, having given vocal lessons to the school twice a week since it opened, and refusing to accept any compensation for her efforts.

The Christmas tree and exercises, prepared by the children were very well attended by the parents, notwithstanding the fact that some were afraid of the protestant element therein.

It required some persuasion to induce

It required some persuasion to induce them to come and see for themselves and even then one girl, who had practiced with us very faithfully, never having missed a day of school, was not permitted to attend. The remarks of our native pastor were very appropriate and we hope that some carried away, at least, an idea of the Truth that day.

We cannot feel that the school has been as successful in numbers, financially or spiritually as last year, for reasons above stated. Total number enrolled during the year since September is thirty, twenty-five being the largest number in attendance at one time.

Receipts for past six mos. amount to $280.85 and expenses $109.55, leaving a balance of $171.30 to the credit of the school.

We have a Junior C. E. Society, composed almost entirely of children from the day school. These have lately become interested in the distribution of flowers at the jail, each bouquet containing a verse of scripture neatly written.

I have been much more pleasantly situated this year than last, but feel it advisable to return to town, as my opportunities are greater there than here and my desire is to be where I can do the most good.

Miss Augusta J. Burris.

Batopilas, Mexico
Mar. 17. 1897

J. L. B. 5-13-97
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Report of Parral Station,

Mexican Mission. March 31, 1897

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The year just closed has been a notable one in the history of the Parral Church. A larger number of members, 55 (89)(?) than any previous year, have been received. A larger average attendance is shown, and larger collections than ever before. This church was organized on the 6th of March, 1887, and has just celebrated her 10th birthday. In these 10 years 162 persons have been received into the church, all but 5, on confession of faith. The present membership is 137. The amount of money raised, as far as the records show, is $1051.55. It is interesting to note, that it was in the closing weeks of this decade, that a commodious and substantial house of worship has been completed. The cost, amounting over $4000.00, silver, has been met by contributions from friends of Mrs. Helen Bush Ellis, in whose memory it was erected, including several Americans in Parral, and other friends of the cause, besides the amount donated by the members of the local church. At the Dedication, Jan. 30, 400 people were present, and much interest was manifested. Since that time the congregations have been larger, and the new listeners more than ever before.

The corner-stone of this edifice was laid with appropriate exercises on the 17th of April, '96, on which occasion the former pastor, Rev. J. B. Cass, made an interesting address. The following Sunday, 13 persons were received to membership, the largest number baptized at any one time in the history of the church.

In September, our District Conference was held in Las Cuevas. Like the preceding conference in Parral, this was most interesting and productive of good. No less than seven young men, former or present students in our Training School, attended, and contributed largely to the success of the meeting.

Out-stations.

The exacting duties of contractor and builder, connected with the Memorial Church, have prevented the missionary from doing as much out-station work as formerly. Still, the outlook is everywhere encouraging.

~~Parral to Bisbee.~~ This station, on account of its nearness to Parral, has been frequently visited. The brethren, of whom now there are 10, are requested to meet by

themselves on the Sabbath, but when the missionary can be with them for a mid-week meeting, as many as 40 frequently assemble.

El Portrero. In this place, the three church-members with others, held services for some time, but at last the brother who directed them decided to spend his Sabbaths in Las Cuevas, 6 miles distant, where he has helped materially in the meetings.

Dolores. The little congregation of Dolores is becoming widely known and celebrated as the oranges and sugar-cane grown in their barranca. In all that region the protestants of Dolores are talked about, and they frequently have opportunity to sow the good seed in the hearts of curious visitors. Although 200 miles from Parral, over the mountains the missionary has made one visit during the year, and besides, Mr. Wright, in the course of the vacation tour ~~with his students~~, through the mountains, spent a week there, leaving a student with them, for a month's work after his departure. This student proved himself a faithful worker, not only in Sabbath services, but in pastoral visiting, and the school which he formed and conducted during his stay. Perhaps it would be well to organize this faithful company of 15 into an independent church. They are anxious to have Brother's return to them. Mr. Wright also visited San Ignacio, Ballesa, Batopilas, Zápuri, Baborigame, and Guadalupe y Calvo, holding gospel services in nearly every place.

In Las Cuevas a much better spirit exists than before for several years. This church has enjoyed the services of Don José Guerrero most of the year, who has labored with them, supporting himself meanwhile in the manufacture of trunks. At the time of the District Conference, some differences and jealousies between members were done away with, and the church encouraged to better works.

In Piedra Alumbre, none of the church-members, of whom ~~XXXXXX~~ there are 10, know how to read, except one woman, and services are not regularly sustained. In the three visits made during the year, considerable interest has shown itself on the part of out-siders, as well as among the believers. A student, spending a couple of weeks in each of four or five ranches in this locality, would be well received, and could probably do a good work.

In San Ignacio, a ranch near Ballesa, 60 miles from Parral, the brethren continue faithful, although the mission-

and has not been able to visit them, nor receive them into the church. Taken in connection with neighboring points, where some interest was awakened last summer, by a student located here, there is still room for promising work.

Zaragoza is straining every nerve to erect a church-building. Last year, with help from a few of the missionaries, they succeeded in putting up the walls, and now with the proceeds of a new subscription list, representing great sacrifice, they are preparing to put on the roof. The helper in charge, Don. Eugenio Rodriguez, takes the lead in the building, and seems to be doing well in the church and community. His arrival in December, to one of our most efficient Parral members, adds strength to the church. He has conducted a small school a part of the year, in addition to his other duties. At both of the visits of the missionary, conversions have taken place.

Otis C. Olds

Otis C. Olds
Parral, Mexico
Jan. 31, 1910

J. L. B.
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Parral Station

School Work.

Although this is counted as one of the four girls' schools belonging to the Board in Mexico, thirty of the sixty-five pupils enrolled during this year are boys. Some of the girls have rather rebelled against some of our new boys, and it is yet a cause of some thought on my part to conform them to each other. Our school has been criticised by some because we receive both sexes. The results so far have been perfectly satisfactory to me and I see no reason for not following the plan adopted from the beginning of the school. If God had meant that the two should be separated, He would not have put the two together in the same family. Each is taught to consider and respect the rights of the other, and I have yet to know of the first trouble between the two. If they must be separated, take the girls and leave my boys.

The same assistant teacher has been employed this year as last. She is just as faithful and trusty now, as the first day she came. She is always ready to help and never shrinks from a duty. She is an example to the older children, and a patient loving teacher for the little ones.

Six different girls have been received as boarders this year. Two of these were in Chihuahua last year. Not having money to pay their fares when the others returned, they conformed as pleasantly as possible to second best. The experience they have had in teaching, and the opportunity of helping others, I hope will not be an entire loss to them. Our attendance has been very irregular on account of many being sick with diptheria. All have now returned but two. Filiberto was so bad that the doctor said he must not be confined in school this year. Antonia after recovering, could not use her sight, so we have lost two of the fourth year for this year. We hope to have them both back in September.

Report of Girls' School & Station

The school has moved twice within a year, once since the last Annual Meeting. The house occupied now is near the church and the other mission property. On many accounts it is pleasanter than on the other side of the river. We are settled here for a year at least. The Mexican family, which was asked to take rooms in the building has been a comfort and help in many ways. The man is willing to do favors when not working and the woman is faithful in taking charge of the house when I am out.

At the close of our school year in May, we had prepared for a literary entertainment to be given the last evening. This was entirely broken up by sickness of pupils, Mr. Olds being sick at the same time. Mr Knotts examined the few who were able to attend the examination held the last day of the term. School was continued till the middle of July, when the public teachers came in and took charge of the government examination. All the members of the second and third years were approved

Nellie C. Prescott.

J. L. B.
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REPORT OF PRESBYTERIAN MISSION WORK IN MEXICO.

The difficulty of describing our work in Mexico may be appreciated by the general remark that it extends through an arc of two thousand miles and that two weeks is a small allowance of time for the journey from one extreme to the other.

Reckoning the City of Mexico as the centre, Saltillo is 800 miles by rail, twenty-eight hours; San Luis Potosi 362 miles, eighteen hours; Zacatecas 440 miles, eighteen hours; (Torreon 700; furthest point on International 1000) Zitacuaro 180 miles, twenty-four hours (two days) Chilpancingo five days; Tlaltenango four days; Merida 1,080 miles, two weeks.

The relative importance of the work at these several stations may be estimated either upon the basis of the number of native workers now in the field, the amount of money expended on each station or, perhaps better, by the number of congregations actually under the general oversight of the Mission, excepting the Boarding Schools and Press.

	Congregations	Preachers	Day Schools	Native Contributions	Expended for Evangelistic Work	Granted by Board	Granted by Board for Day Schools
					Silver		
Saltillo	12	6	7	$ 792.	$ 2,696.		$ 896.
Zacatecas	36	11	5	1,056	4,225.		1,082.
Tlaltenango	8	2	1	114.12	605.		
S. L. Potosi	17	7	2	150.	3,966.		888.
Mexico City	35	11	8	3,083.	6,412.		2,816.
Chilpancingo	14	7	4	648.	3,206.		860.
Tabasco & Yucatan	12	5	1	1,316.46	3,452.		190.
Zitacuaro	26	11	5	556.	444.		168.
	160	60	33	$ 7,695.58	$24,966.		$ 6,700.

The number of workers set down for the Zitacuaro field for the new year is one. The total cost is so low as to be deceptive as to the actual importance of the field from a missionary standpoint. There are a large number of congregations in a formative stage and the work in that field has been put on a basis of absolute self-support.

I believe that we could take immediate steps toward transferring to other missions congregations north of Saltillo, and that the missionaries having charge of the Zacatecas field could locate to advantage at Aguas Calientes temporarily, or at some other point on the Central Railway at a little lower altitude than Zacatecas. That field could be looked after if we even had a station as far as south as Irapuato or Celaya on the Cnetral Railroad. The missionaries so located could reinforce the other fields during the absence of their colleagues.

I am strongly impressed with the fact that the Board ought to have some permanent establishment either in the neighborhood of the City of Mexico or in the neighborhood of Celaya which is the intersection of the Central and National Railroads, 185 miles by the former from Mexico City and 220 by the latter. The advantage in favor of Celaya is that it is more central and at a lower altitude, 6,000 feet, not so conducive to nervousness, less likely to dissatisfy students with their homes and work in smaller places than residence in the City of Mexico. It is a good point for Bible conferences and summer schools, mission meetings, etc. It lies more in the centre of our work and brings us into closer co-operation with the Cumberland Presbyterians and the

American Board. Rentals and living expenses are perhaps one-half what they would be in or near the City of Mexico, situated as it is in the centre of the garden of Mexico, with plenty of good water and vegetables and fruit the year round. It is about the same altitude and general conditions as Aguas Calientes which is a popular health resort for Americans and others. Before locating at any point the matter of its healthfulness should be very carefully investigated. Advantages in favor of the City of Mexico as a permanent centre for our press work and schools are that we already have one good piece of property in the city and our staff of workers at the press engaged. We can also avail of the facilities of others for electrotyping, supplies and repairs. The schools have the advantage of the earnest evangelistic preaching of Mr. Morales which would be offset at any point by his coming there for a two weeks' course of lectures on Bible topics and Christian work.

The Mission should not be held in suspense many more years before knowing where to build and what the policy of the Board is to be. I feel certain that it would be unwise to cut down the present work with the view of reconstructing it later; that there would be much more advantage to the Mission to be able to say to the native church, we expect to do so and so at some new point, such as Celaya or Jalapa, than to say we are going to give up this or that work for the present. In other words, it is more important to have a positive plan to lay before the church than merely a destructive policy.

If we view the work by stations, we jointly occupy Saltillo with the Southern Baptists and Southern Methodists, both of whose work

in the city and district is much larger than our own.

The city of San Luis Potosi we occupy with the Southern Methodists who have a large girls' school teaching English and interests in church and women's work. The work under the direction of the missionary located at San Luis Potosi is from one hundred to one hundred and eighty miles by rail direct to Tampico, plus twenty-five to one hundred miles by horseback. The work in the State of Hidalgo could be as readily reached from Mexico City or Celaya as from San Luis Potosi, though, owing to the central location of San Luis and the work in the city, I should be sorry to see that station abandoned.

The Zacatecas field has been in charge of Mr. Wallace, senior, for many years, the assistance sent to relieve him, until Mr. Semple's appointment, having failed on account of health or greater need elsewhere. This field is a fairly large and attractive one, the congregations in the Laguna district being among the best in Mexico.

The Michoacan field, of which Zitacuaro is the station, is in charge of Mr. Campbell and Mr. Vanderbilt. The Mexican Home Mission Board are considering the subject of taking up the work immediately in the vicinity of Zitacuaro, in which case Mr. Campbell will move farther south to look after the numerous uncared for congregations in the mountains.

Chilpancingo Station has a large district of scattered congregations. It requires at least two months absence from home to complete the circuit of visitation necessary to the proper supervision of the work. Some repairs will have to be made on the dwelling to make

it more habitable and arrangements made to get the native congregation out of the building. It will be too lonely for one family to remain there alone, it being almost one week's travel to the City of Mexico, the nearest station.

I have not visited Merida or San Juan Bautista but believe the work there of such importance as to demand at least the permanent occupation by one mission family and one lady for the school.

I believe the work in the Mexico City district, not including the State of Vera Cruz, could be superintended by one missionary who might also devote part of his time to the seminary and treasury.

Jalapa would make a good place for the residence of one missionary, and, for health and other reasons, a good location for the Girls' School. The work in that district is difficult to visit from Mexico City, as has been done hitherto, occasioning too much loss of time for a busy man.

I would suggest the more thorough working of the fields in which we have most in hand, and the passing over to other missions any outlying congregations which require too much time and money to look after. Some of these transfers might be made at once while others after the Committee appointed by the General Conference has time to go over the whole field.

SEMINARY OR BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL.

The Mission during the past two years has had full opportunity to consider and discuss the question of the training of its future native workers and has more or less come to the conclusion that it must

adopt a plan somewhat intermediary between a training school for lay workers and a theological seminary.

In the first place, it must be understood that there are no graduates from high schools or colleges desirous of becoming Christian preachers, at least such are rare exceptions; that most of the boys who are willing to take up Christian work are as yet unformed in character and mental development, and that there must be much training and eliminating of unprofitable candidates before it can be decided just who should receive a thorough training. Certainly those who seem to have the most consecration and capacity should be more or less under the direct teaching, supervision and training of the missionaries. An occasional visitation to the home where such a boy lives will not give opportunity for satisfactorily determining whether or not he should go forward and take the theological course. In order to provide for a few who are now deemed promising candidates for Christian work, the Mission has voted to open a Bible Institute and Training School to take the place of the seminary closed two years ago, with a stronger basis of self-support and without promise of future employment to those entering it. Perhaps one-half of these boys will come from the Tabasco and Yucatan fields, and, of course, could be trained there if ~~our force were sufficient, and, of course, could be trained there if~~ our force were sufficiently strong. It is not proposed to locate the school inside of the city itself, but at Coyoacan, four miles from the city. This would not decide in any way the permanent location of the school which in this instance has been governed by the convenience for

present direction under Messrs. Millar and Brown.

A special conference with the delegates from the Associate Reformed Board, Cumberland Presbyterian and American Board missions showed a readiness to unite in a Biblical institute and training school if it could be practically brought about, and a committee, consisting of Mr. Wright and Mr. Millar, was appointed to consider the matter and correspond with the parties interested. The location of the school would then, like the Girls' School, have to be at a more central point than Mexico City in order to be nearer to their missions and our northern field.

The money annually expended by our Board and the time devoted by the workers to gathering together for the meetings of presbytery hardly seems justified by the results. It was hoped that these meetings would be both educationally and spiritually helpful, but the time hardly permits of either result. The men have to gather from very widely separated districts, and it cannot be expected that in the near future they will be able to meet their own expenses, the burden of which necessarily falls almost wholly on the Board. In order, however, to meet the necessity for more thorough supervision and closer work with the native preachers, the missionaries have wisely arranged to hold Bible conferences with their men in which to fully discuss the work in hand and to help them toward more systematic Bible study. A week or two is spent this way each year. The fruit of this work has already appeared in more activity and spiritual life.

The time in presbytery is largely taken up with examining

a few candidates for admission, and beyond this more or less unprofitable discussion. It would seem that once every three years would be often enough for the Board to pay the expenses of the meeting. It should certainly not pay more than half to one-third of the necessary expense. of an annual meeting

Incident to the Bible Institute Conference for Christian Workers and Preachers, it would seem wise to have some place where the leaders could be gathered together, central to all, for a summer school, perhaps lasting a month. There is no doubt that all the missionaries in Mexico would co-operate in such an enterprise were it centrally located and wisely arranged. The best talent in the country could be concentrated and the Mexican workers would receive new impetus in holding forth the word of life. Left without such occasional stirrings at isolated stations they are apt to get into ruts and to fail in imparting much impulse to the congregations they serve. This would not take the place of the District Conferences.

GIRLS' BOARDING SCHOOLS.

We had last year under mental training in our two Girls' High Schools in Mexico a total of 74 pupils, 4 missionary ladies giving their whole time to the work throughout the year, the total expenditure beyond their salaries being $ 11,895.36.

The school located at Saltillo has the advantage over the one in Mexico City with respect to altitude and the general character of the climate. The climate and the general conditions are more nearly like those of the places from which the girls come. When we consider,

however, the expense which the girls are under in reaching the school, there are few points in favor of the location at Saltillo as a centre for school work in our northern field. We have very few members belonging to the Saltillo church besides the girls attending the school. Eighteen out of the forty-two girls come from Saltillo and points north of Saltillo accessible by the National Railway. Nineteen girls are from points most accessible by the Central Railway, requiring a longer journey and transfer to the National.

At the Mexico City School the climatic conditions are more trying, the city being at an altitude of 7,500 feet above the sea, and the Valley of Mexico in which it stands at certain seasons being damp and slightly malarial.. About twice as much money is spent for medicine at the Mexico City School during the year as at Saltillo. This may be partly due to the fact that about half of the girls in the Mexico City School come from the Tierra Caliente. A count of the girls in the Mexico City School last year showed that about one-half of them came from Mexico City and points north or in the higher country, while the other half came from the low country, including the Vera Cruz and Tabasco fields.

Joining the two schools and locating the new school somewhere between the northern field and Mexico City, say, at some point in the neighborhood of Celaya, the intersection of the Mexican Central and the Mexican National Railway, would have many advantages over the present plan. First: It would require but one building. Second: If three instead of four the missionary ladies could manage it ~~and~~ one of them

could take her vacation without the employment of a supply teacher in her place. Third: It would be more convenient for the majority of the girls in the northern and southern fields, and as a result it is likely that more would be sent to the school, and that the Cumberland Presbyterians and the Guadalajara district of the American Board would join forces with us. But any arrangements bringing about the union of the two schools mustbe planned for long in advance and all elements in the problem duly considered before the move is actually effected. The health of the city of Saltillo and the possession of premises and appointment there are the best things in its favor as a permanent location. At present the girls from the Tabasco and Yucatan fields must take a very long journey at great expense, and the school at Mexico City can only be considered as a temporary expedient for meeting their demands for Christian education.

A secondary plan would consist in moving the school from Mexico City to Jalapa which is at an elevation of 5,000 feet, not so severe a change for girls coming from the low country, not under the same general social influences as Mexico City, altogether a more healthful point, its special objections being that it is too far north for Tabasco and Yucatan, though nearer and better situated than at present, and too far off for Michoacan and Guerrero.

The Mexico City school has had a good history and has done good work, of which it has many living witnesses among the families of the native church and teachers in the schools throughout the country. It would appear that it would be unwise to give up this school at present in Mexico City.

ent, stopping a number of girls in the process of mental development and preventing others desiring to enter from doing so. All the missionaries representing work in the southern part of our field south of Celaya are desirous for its continuance, with possibly one exception.

THE PRESS.

Before leaving Mexico, Mr. J. G. Woods prepared a comprehensive Report on the Press, which should be referred to for full details.

The Board owns three presses, 43 x 28 in., 21 x 13 1/2, 17 x 10; one lining machine, 36 x 90; paper cutter, 30 in., besides engine and other machinery and type making up a complete printing establishment.

The large press is unnecessarily large and heavy for our work. We have a six horse power boiler and engine which is unnecessarily large even for the presses we have. The whole also occupies too much floor space considering the high rents in Mexico City. With a competent business manager, by entering into competition with local firms, the press, to a certain extent, might be made self-supporting. But on the basis simply of our own work, it would seem wiser either to reduce the plant or to move it outside of the city and establish it in connection with some permanent building owned or rented for a long period. The large press, the lining machine and the boiler and engine might be severally sold if thought best, and the engine and large press replaced by smaller and more compact machinery with economy, providing there was a purchaser who would pay from half to two-thirds of the price of new machinery laid down in Mexico City. Almost every item of expenditure in maintaining

and running the present machinery is excessive, though it would probably require experience and close attention to bring it down to an economical basis. While the salaries of the workers are moderate for the whole number of hours employed, there is probably a large part of their time wasted by lack of an experienced manager and close attention. I have figured that the annual expenditure on "El Faro" in Mexican is $3,000, of which $955 is for paper and postage. The annual expenditure on tracts is $3,333, of which $1,063 is for paper and postage. Four hundred and sixteen dollars is charged to the book department.

The plan for the present is to continue to operate the press under the management of Mr. Arellano, a native pastor of good ability and probably the best who could be selected for the business enterprise. He is of almost pure Indian blood and exhibits the sturdiness of character of the Indian. He has, however, had no special experience either in the management of machinery or business and acknowledges that he would have to learn. He thinks that it would be wiser to allow him time to become perfectly familiar with the management of the business and the duties of each of the employees before making any changes. The men on the place would naturally be non-communicative if they thought he would in any way supercede them by taking their place in the direction and providing for their manual labor in some other way. I think it would be to Mr. Arellano's advantage and cost less money for the experiment to reduce the compositors to one, with an apprentice who could assist in the press work and not undertake quite so much printing during the year. I think from Mr. Smith's proposition, that it would cost as

much to have our printing done outside as to do it ourselves, with the advantage in favor of holding on to the press that we are independent and can regulate the style of our work to better advantage. There is a certain amount of work on hand to be done, and probably by the beginning of the fiscal year the Committee on the Press in Mexico could regulate matters to reduce the expenses by $1,800 Mexican, which would come off of all the various items such as fuel and supplies, labor and paper. It would seem quite enough of an experiment until Mr. Arellano has proved his capability of running the press, to run it at say half of its capacity.

Several other economies might be considered with respect to our work in Mexico for the coming year. 1. There are still quite a number of preachers on the list receiving full salaries from the Board without any contributions from the congregations in their districts. These are put on the list of evangelists who devote their whole time under mission supervision. In some cases their salaries seem higher than their experience and ability in Christian work would justify.

2. For forty out of sixty preachers and evangelists the Board provides horses at an annual expenditure of $2,815. It would seem that all expenses for itinerating and a large part of this appropriation for keep of horses should be provided for in the monthly salary. I question the policy of the Board's owning and paying for the keep of horses for others than the missionaries.

3.. The meetings of the presbyteries, $920, and local conferences for Bible study, $615, amount in all to $1,535. I believe a saving

might be made here of $600 a year without loss to the work, provided the Board reduced its grant toward the meetings of presbyteries to one-third the present amount.

REPORT OF CHIHUAHUA STATION AND OUT-STATIONS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1898.

There has been no change in the missionary force during the year, although Mr. and Mrs. Eaton were absent in the United States during several of the summer months, and Mr. Eaton, by request of the Mission, gave his personal attention to the Sonora field during the month of January. Naturally these absences were felt by the home church, which is not yet supplied with a native pastor; but it should be said that the native brethren have shown a commendable spirit of self-help, while seeking the divine guidance and blessing. They have been ready to bear their part in leading the public meetings, and have continued making the special offerings for "self support" which were initiated two years ago.

SPECIAL SERVICES- Opportunities for special services have not been neglected, and Holy Week, Christmas and the Week of Prayer have each attracted new hearers, besides furnishing a helpful impulse to those who were already of us. At Christmas, for the first time, we ventured to introduce trees as a feature; but of course there was no Santa Claus, nor anything of an amusing nature, the entire service being strictly ~~afxxdxxxxxxxxxx~~ devotional and evangelistic in character. The attendance was not less than three hundred and fifty persons.

But perhaps the greatest interest was aroused in connection with a Thanksgiving festival which had been arranged by the American congregation for the Sunday preceding Thanksgiving Day. Some of the Mexicans ~~had~~ brought their small offerings of fruits and vegetables to put with the larger gifts of their foreign friends which covered the pulpit platform; and the members of the congregation, with few exceptions, at their own service in the evening brought offerings of money, in mite chests or in their hands, to the amount of $56.62. The

following morning the flowers, fruits and vegetables were distributed through a committee, among a dozen of sick people, in house and hospital, and more than a score of needy families, mainly outside the congregation. Thus some Roman Catholics were shown the beauty of Christian charity, even as bestowed by Protestants. The money was turned into the fund for "self support".

Another culto de ofrendas, or service for presenting offerings, was held in January, and a third in March; and it is the idea of the church to have these somewhat frequently, for the purpose of securing, if possible, the means needed for the support of its own pastor.

The annual meeting of the church in May occupied, as usual, two sessions, and a simple collation was served to about one hundred and twenty-five persons. The offerings on the occasion, amounting to $30.62, were sent to the American Board.

Of the members who were excluded three and one-half years ago, a second one has repented, made public confession, and been received back into the church, and three of her children have been presented as candidates for admission.

Two young couples that had been living together as husband and wife, without being legally married, have complied with the law, been received into the church, and have publicly sought the divine blessing upon their union.

The number of members received into the church during the year on confession of faith was fourteen, of whom three were from the boarding school. Received by letter, ~~six~~ my mes. Present membership, including a number long absent and not reporting, the one hundred and forty-five. The church has contributed during the year for

~~Contributions:~~ -

	Church and Congregational Expenses,	$432.43
	Repairs,	17.06
(Zunin)	Foreign Missions,	30.62
	Total,	480.11

There has also been received at this station, for Tuition in the day school,

$139.68, and for Food and Clothing of boarding-school pupils, $620.97; Total $760.65.

An encouraging opening for work has presented itself near the mining town of Santa Eulalia, distant six leagues from Chihuahua. The inhabitants are reputed to be very "fanatical", but one of our deacons, Romualdo Gonzales, has lately gone to be watchman for the Mina Vieja there, and has started a Sunday service for upwards of a dozen people, nearly all of them new to the Gospel; has sold several Bibles and eight hymn-books; and writes to the home church for help through prayer in this new undertaking, from which he expects to see large results. Previously a few of our members had visited the place; and in October last three of our students, on their return to the Training School, spent a night in the village, taking a "baby" organ with them, and had some success, although they could not get a room suitable for their purpose.

Further reports, -on School work (prepared by Miss Hammond), and on Christian Endeavor Societies and Work for Women, (prepared by Mrs. Eaton), are presented with this paper.

BATOPILAS.- The work of the school has been carried on by Miss Burris, (whose report accompanies this), without interruption, and with an encouraging degree of success, notwithstanding the obstacles arising from (1) fanatical opposition, (2) diminished pecuniary resources of the people, through a reduction in mining operations, and (3) trying isolation of the lady missionary and lack of suitable assistance. For the latter part, however, of the school year she has had valued help from a graduate of the Chihuahua girls' school.

The church work has been faithfully done by our licentiate, Señor José M. Ibáñez, whose monthly reports have shown a good attendance at services, meetings kept up at the jail, a goodly number of Christian books put into circulation, besides 43 copies of "El Testigo", 24 of "El Faro" and 24 of "El Expositor

Bíblico". Amount contributed by the people, for support of preaching, $246.11, besides $10.00 for repairs, and $306.05 for tuition in school. Also the family of ex-Gov. Alex. R. Shepherd gave $87.00 for the school. It is much to be regretted that the impaired state of health of Sr. Ibáñez will not allow him to remain longer at this important point. It is reported on good authority in Chihuahua City, that mining operations are about to be enlarged.

JIMENEZ.- Although at our last annual meeting Deacon Felipe Z. Hernandez, of the Chihuahua church, was asked to take charge of the circuit centering here, he did not begin the work until Oct. 1st, because he was needed in Chihuahua during the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Eaton in the U.S. The work had been almost abandoned for more than a year, (with exception of two months given to it by Sr. Hernandez), and had suffered not only from neglect, but through the removal to other places of residence of some of the members. But Sr. Hernandez and wife have received the reward of faithful and wise effort, in that differences have been healed, attendance upon services increased, and more money raised toward self-support than ever before, viz. in the six months about $31.00 toward the preacher's salary, and for other objects, $25.59. Weekly meetings at the jail have been sustained under the friendly auspices of the civil authorities, and with considerable interest on the part of the prisoners, who have bought Bibles and other books. The jailer himself was one of the first to buy a Bible, and has subscribed to four different evangelical papers. On Christmas Eve a midnight meeting was held in the chapel, for the purpose of attracting those who would be returning to thir houses at that hour from mass in the Roman church not far away, and many were drawn in to hear the Protestant Christians sing and pray.

PALOMAS AND VILLA LOPEZ.- These places may be mentioned together, since they are always visited on the same round, the second-named being distant five or six leagues from Jimenez, and the other on one of the roads thither. They have been visited each month, with congregations ranging from ten to forty p

sons. In Villa Lopez, two young women, members of the Chihuahua church, and formerly of the school in that city, sustain a Sunday School. One of them has a self-sustaining day school of fifteen pupils.

SANTA ROSALIA.- Situated on the Mexican Central R.R. about fifty miles north of Jimenez, this has also been visited monthly, and we may hope soon to have an organized congregation there, meeting regularly for worship. An earnest young Christian and his wife have recently gone there from Chihuahua, the man to take a responsible pssition in the new cotton mill, which will attract laborers and very likely some believers amongst them. The young people belong to the Presb.church in Torreon, and the superintendent of the mill is a German Lutheran.

One visit was made to Saucillo, a few leagues from Santa Rosalia, where the public school teacher and his wife, of the M.E.church, but members of the Chihuahua C.E.Society, form a Christian nucleus. But although a little evangelical literature was put in circulation, no great encouragement was met with.

Once during the year the magic lantern was used by Mr.Eaton in Jimenez and Santa Rosalia. In the former place a large hall was freely lent by the proprietor, and over one hundred persons attended, mainly of those outside the congregation. So marked was the impression made by the biblical views and explanations, that an enthusiastic deacon exclaimed that more had been done for the progress of the gospel that night, than had been accomplished by means of all the formal religious services that had been held in the years past! Sr.Hernandez has obtained in his circuit 11 subscribers for "El Testigo" and 49 for "El Faro".

SAN BUENAVENTURA.-This place, distant from Chihuahua about one hundred and seventy miles via Gallego, and eighty miles from the R.R., has not been visited since from Chihuahua; and by reason of the newly constructed railroad from El Paso to Casas Grandes, ought propeely to be cared for by the El Paso station.

Indeed it has been visited by Mr.Wright, and one of the students from the Training School did a work there during the holidays which was highly appreciated by the people, many of whom desire to secure him for their permanent preacher. No new members have been received, and the chapel built by deacon Romero, has not yet been dedicated, owing to a serious loss suffered by him during a period of high water last September, when the flood destroyed most of his adjoinging dwelling, and forced him to move his household effects into the nearly finished chapel which he saved by hard work at night, having fortunately piles of adobe and earth close at hand.

STATE OF SONORA.- Almost immediately after our last annual meeting Mr and Mrs.Wagner were obliged to leave this field, and were not able to return to it for the six months of cooler weather, as requested by the Mission, owing to the illness of Mrs.Wagner, and consequently that field has been superintended from Chihuahua as center. Only one native preacher has been located there, living in Hermosillo, but making monthly visits to La Colorada, and to the small village of Torres on the way.

As the written report of Mr.Eaton, of his service on that field in Jan'y last, is presented separately, it may suffice here to call attention to the great need there, and to the fairly accessible condition of the people. We have a commodious chapel and mission residence at the capital of the State; another chapel and hubler residence in the important mining camp of La Colorada, adjacent to the older camp of Minas Prietas; and there are scattered companies of believers at other points calling for instruction and cooperation with them in extending the work. There is no denominational competition in any of the places named, although the M.E.Church South would probably take the work off our hands, if we should declare ourselves unable to carry on what was begun under Mr.Crawford, and should invite them to succeed us. But the new Chihuahua

and Pacific R.R. which is generously subsidized by both the federal government and that of the State of Chihuahua, is expected to reach a point between Cusihuiriáchic and Guerrero, one hundred and twenty miles from here, within a year's time, and will bring the States of Sonora and Sinaloa into easy communication with Chihuahua, and so practically make them much nearer, and our work in Northern Mexico more compact than it has been. It would occasion deep regret on the part of this station were the Mission to feel obliged, through lack of support from Boston, to withdraw from that State which it was the first to enter with a purer gospel.

James D. Eaton.

Report of the "Colegio Chihuahuense"
for the School Year 1897 & 1898.

The seventh of May was a day never to be forgotten in the history of our school. It seemed as if every girl from oldest to youngest was as happy as if she too were going to receive her diploma that night. It being the first class of girls that had ever been graduated from any school in the city or state of Chihuahua, made it a rare occasion, and we can but realize that our school has felt and will continue to feel the good influence which went out that evening. It was estimated that there were between four and five hundred people present.

It has been encouraging to think of the "trio" as all teaching this year in different parts of the state, and we trust that all have been doing good work. When Don Epitacio Madrid came for Josefa in June, he told us of his desire that she should have a position in a public school, and that he had been offered a position for her in Casas Grandes; we trembled for her if she should go there, knowing that she

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would have nothing to help her, in her surroundings, and in all probability many temptations. But from all accounts which we have had of her, thus far, she has done very acceptable work, her school has steadily increased in numbers, and such favorable reports had reached the ears of the Governor that when he went up to Casas Grandes to the celebration of the completion of the new rail road, he sent a messenger requesting an interview with her, when he stated that he had heard that she expected to resign her position, and wanted to know on what ground? She replied that "as the no. of pupils had reached the limit which the law permits one teacher to direct, she did not feel like continuing unless she could have an assistant", he replied, "You are right, that is just, and you shall have one, if you will remain another year." So we realize more and more, that if she only has strength to stand firmly by her Christian principles, she may do more, indirectly, for the enlightenment of the people, in that fanatic-

al little town, where the people practically know nothing of the Gospel Light, than she might do in a Cristian community.

Jesusita Montoya has proved herself very useful in Batopilas. We regret to know of her recent illness, but hope that after her stay at the American Hospital she may be much stronger.

Lidia Romero seems to have had just the right place for her first experience in being "thrown upon her own responsability," as there at "Santa Ana" she has found such kind friends in Doña Betacabé and Don Juan Palacio, who have expressed much gratitude to us for having suggested her, and great satisfaction with her work. As you already know Eiria Armendariz was not able to graduate with her class on account of her serious illness the year before, neither has she been able to return this year. We do not give up hopes that she may return next Fall. In the mean-time she has, on her own responsability, opened a school in Atotonilco, and judging from her letters, she must be doing a real earnest

little work there. The demand for teachers from our school makes us wish we had a good number ready to graduate this year, but ~~our~~ the three senior girls are all too young to go out alone as teachers, even if they had completed the course which they will not do until next year. One very urgent request comes from Matachic, saying that the people are so anxious for a good teacher, that they will support a school from the beginning, and are even willing to have a Protestant teacher. Another teacher is desired in San Buenaventura

Does it not seem clear that a well equipped Training School ~~of~~ for Teachers is demanded?

Here in our daily school life we have had much for which to be thankful during the year passed since the last Conference met. There has never been so much manifest interest in the public examinations, as at the close of the school year in June, when notwithstanding the very trying heat, the parents and friends came morning and afternoon, and ~~the~~ last afternoon the room

was so full, that it became almost impossible to water the brick floors, and thus cool the atmosphere a little, as we had done several times during each session of the four day's examinations. Much interest was manifested in the classes of Book-keeping and Geometry, as those are two branches which had been pursued for the first time in our school, and probably it was the first time they had seen young ladies pursuing those studies in Chihuahua. It was interesting to watch the faces of some of the men, which betrayed so much of surprise as well as of interest in watching the black-board work of the Geometry class.

We have found our monthly written examinations a healthful stimulus, and productive of much good, while they do make work for the teachers. The averages through the year are averaged with the final, oral examination in June, thus giving a pretty fair showing of who is ready to be promoted. I wish you could all know what a blessing our library has been to our school, and how delightful it has been to see the loyal spirit of interest in

their school, shown by the several small gifts which have come from former pupils. We have not received many gifts of money this year, but have received some very valuable works, among them a work on "Geografia Universal" very handsomely illustrated, which was sent by Mr. Oldendorff of Hermosillo, whose two daughters came with Mr. Eaton in Jan. to enter school. The annual report of the U. S. Bureau of Ethnology, another valuable work in two vols. was presented by Senator Gallinger of New Hampshire. And "El Mundo Físico" in five volumes, which is also a very handsome and valuable work. We now have fifteen vols. of the Spanish Encyclopedia, which have been in constant use, when the girls have been preparing the material for "La Abeja". It is customary to have "News Reports" every Friday morning. In this way our girls have become very much interested in what is taking place in different parts of the world, the older ones getting all their reports from our English periodicals so as to let the younger ones, who can not translate English, have the benefit of the Spanish papers.

All ~~our~~ the boarding pupils belong either to the Christian Endeavor or Junior Societies. I can not say this of the day pupils, as the most of our new ones this year come from non evangelical families. But we have seen the prejudices gradually wearing away, and in two cases particularly where it seemed to be a trial in the Fall to be present at devotional exercises, they have advanced enough to be willing to attend the recent wedding in our church, which was quite a step forward. We have not been able thus far to have any scientific lectures this year, as last, but in January, our girls all attended two lectures on travels in European and Asiatic countries, given by the Rev. Mr. Lumpkin who was traveling in Mexico.

Of our twenty-one boarding pupils twelve are paying in part, if not all, a larger proportion than ever before. In every way we are working toward self support, and are confident of more healthful results. We see this particularly in connection with school-books and utensils, which when furnished them free of charge, they do not know how to appreciate, as

also with organ lessons, none are given to any girl unless she can pay in money or work.

We have had sixty-nine enrolled during the year, with an average attendance of about fifty-five.

Miss M. L. Hammond

WORK FOR WOMEN, AND THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETY.

Work among the women in their homes has suffered this year through the removal of our faithful and consecrated Antonia Ribera, wife of our senior deacon Felipe Hernandez. There has been no one who could take her place in visiting in the homes, since others who have the ability and the willingness to do so, have been prevented through sickness or other circumstances beyond their control. We have never encouraged the employment of a paid Bible reader, believing it to better, when practicable, that the different women of the church should give such time as they could to the work of carrying the gospel to their neighbors. Seeing however the obstacles that interpose themselves, for accomplishing this work in a systematic and thorough manner, we begin to feel that the time may have arrived for utilizing the services of some of the young women in the school who will hardly be able to employ their talents in instructing the youth in the school room, but who have consecrated desires for seevice.

The response is ready, to the visits that are made, and especially does it seem desirable to hold cottage meetings in different parts of the city, where we can reach not only some who never come to the church, but can also help our own churchm members who find it difficult, and in some cases impossible, to attend there. The results that have been gained through a brief series of such meetings are encouraging, and will lead, we hope, to the conversion of some who thus heard the Word for the first time. Others who are timid about taking part in the larger meetings, have made a beginning in these cottage gatherings.

The regular women's meeting that is held on Tuesday afternoons, has not suffered any interruption during the year, except when on special occasions it has been suspended on account of a meeting that same evening. Some of our older women have distributed tracts among the soldiers; and the work in the hos=

pital done by Casimira, (for a long time connected with our school), has been very interesting, although prosecuted under many difficulties on account of her own ill health. The death of one of our own church members in this public hospital was a triumphant one, and her life there was a testimony to the power of Christ to sustain a Christian under all trial.

Our Christian Endeavor Society is becoming more and more helpful in our church. Half of the ten teachers in the Sunday School are Mexican members of the Society, and three of the young women now take turns in playing the organ at all of the public services, while one of them, the new teacher from Saltillo, leads the choir which is composed entirely of Christian Endeavorers. The first Wednesday of each month the Society presents a program of a special character, alternating between Missions and Temperance. This takes the place of the weekly prayer-meeting, and serves as an educator to the older members of the church, who depend upon this means for learning something about the progress of the Kingdom and the war with king Alcohol. During Mr. Eaton's absence of a month in Sonora, the Society took charge of the evening services, and prepared a very interesting program for Christian Endeavor Day.

Our Junior Society is training the children for active service hereaftee, and their simple childish prayers give good hope that they will become men and women of faith.

Mrs. Gertrude C. Eaton.

Report of Mission School,
Batopilas, Chihuahua.

After about three and one half months of vacation, school reopened in Batopilas proper, owing to the great distance of the building occupied last year, from the center of the population. The first few weeks the number ~~num~~ber was limited, but it gradually increased until we were compelled to enlarge our quarters, occupying two rooms instead of one. During the year sixty two have been enrolled. Of these, twenty seven have attended the Church but with a great deal of irregularity. It seems as if the problem of perpetual motion had been solved by the Mexican race, for they are continually on the move. For this reason, our general av. has been brought down to 20+.

Financially, we have had a

quite a successful year. Our expenses have been heavier than never before, yet they have very nearly been met by receipts of tuition.

Yet, I am becoming more and more convinced that these people are in search of mental rather than spiritual help. I have never been so much impressed by their stolidness and indifference as in the past few weeks. It seems so hard to interest these pupils in the morning devotion. The thought that, perhaps we are doing them more of an injustice than good, sometimes occurs to me, for with so much teaching they surely cannot be unmindful of all they hear and that there is danger of them becoming utterly indifferent to all religions and those are the most difficult to reach.

Our aim is not to prepare them

for society, but to make soldiers for the Master and is it strange that our hearts grow heavy at times, seeing that so much is done apparently in vain?

But we would not leave the impression that we have no encouragements. We have some girls whose lives have been perceptibly changed and whom we believe are really trying to lead true christian lives; we look at them and take fresh courage, remembering the old adage, "It is always darkest just before the dawning," and hope that we are in our darkest period.

My assistant, Miss Monloya, has proven herself to be a very competent person and has greatly strengthened us both in church and school. Our motto is, "Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him and he shall bring it to pass.

Augusta J. Burris.

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said Rev. D. F. Acosta might know of the scandal. He went to work as "albañil on "la parroquia" in Hermosillo, in May last, and soon heard rumors; only attended our church services a few times because he say so much "desorden". Pressed to specify, he said that one Sunday Lopez invited all the people of the Church, both sexes, to spend a "dia del Campo". Of course I told him that Church and Sunday School picnics were not uncommon in the United States amongst Evanglical churches; and suggested that there would have been ground for criticism had Ignacio and his brother invited two or three young ladies alone to go with them.

Guzman thought Lopez preached for the pay, that he made money out of his summer's service in Batopilas, that he was a Methodist rather than a Congragationalist, and said he had a shoe shop in Hermosillo and brought shoes with him to sell in La Colorada on his missionary trips.

Fernandez made no accusations. Both he and Guzman said that Ibarra and wife were exceedingly sensitive and easily offended when others interpreted the Bible differently to themselves, and were ready to believe that any given interpretation was directed against themselves personally. Fernandez said that he had been obliged to reprove Ibarra for telling ghost stories in presence of his children; and almost a month before my arrival the Ibarras had gone to live in another house. A good Methodist brother ofthe congregation, Epitacio Hernandez, informed me that Ibarra is a great tale-bearer, and very wise in his own conceit, and gave names of persons in Guaymas who knew Ibarra in Guaymas, Rev. Acosta knew nothing of the scandal;

but gave testimony regarding the character of Ibarra, which made it superfluous to talk with the persons named by Epitacio, whom nevertheless I met in church, when I preached for Acosta.

One of the witnesses named in Hermosillo, Da. Isidra, a former member of our church, who is living with a man not her husband, said she had no direct knowledge as to the truth of the charges against Lopez, except that he kindly lent her money when she was sick, and when she repaid the loan, and offered him $2.00 as interest, he declined it. Lopez remarked with a smile, that she had never repaid him all she borrowed. Isidra said that all she had claimed to know, had been first told her by Ibarra. When I knew that the other witness, a fellow "albañil with Ibarra, was a drunken Roman Catholic, I did not think it worth while to secure an interview with him, especially as a heavy rain during the latter part of my stay rendered the streets almost impassible.

As to the sale of shoes, Lopez has no shop; but has helped a little his brother Luis, to whom he has been a father for many years. But he carried shoes to La Colorada only three times, and sold none himself. They were delivered to Epitacio Hernandez. Once his brother Luis went with him, and in Torres they found Ibarra and wife without friends and anxious to get to Colorada. Luis offered shoes to Ibarra to sell on commission, and paid to him $2.25 for this.

After these interviews and others that might be named, I have come to the following conclusions:

I. -- That there is no ground for the first charge, viz: that Lopez was a money-lender, in the sense intended.

2. --That the second charge is absurd, so far as Ignacio is concerned; although it is possible that Luis may have had some trouble in the street, after Ignacio went home, since Luis used to show a guarrelsome disposition.

3. -- That even if the brothers were somewhat imprudent in escorting the young ladies on the street after night fall, the fact that Luis is married to one of them, who is a good housekeeper; and that the other is just married to Ignacio, and would have been months ago, had the Mission provided the means for their support, seems to settle the question satisfactorily.

Messrs Stultz and Oldendorf living in the same house with Lopez, bore emphatic testimony to his good character. Stultz thought he had the work very sincerely at heart, and was superior to Eugenio Rodriguez and Epitacio Madrid; had overheard Ignacio reproving and counselling his brother Luis, before the latter's marriage, in view of his failings. Mr. Oldendorf said Ignacio was "two good", and was imposed upon sometimes by the people of his congregation.

Lopez himself is inclined to think that Da. Isidra did accuse him to Ibarra,--although now she denies it--when she was "enojada" because, at the time of our last annual meeting, when we celebrated the Lord's Supper, he did not offer her the bread and wine because he knew of her unworthy life. He has a better opinion of her now, and thinks she will soon be married, so as to be received back into the church. She herself told me, with tears, of this her intent. She showed me a letter received from Ibarra last December, urging her to send him written testimony against Lopez: said she would not answer it.

Lopez told me that, while personally he liked the principles of Congregationalism, he thought they could be so easily worked now in Mexico as the Methodist system; "no son prácticos". He also preferred to stay in the communion where were also the majority of his fellow-students and friends, and that he was grateful for the education received from us.

He wrote to J. Bustamante about preaching somewhere for the Southern Methodist Mission, when he thought Mr. Wright's silence as to his application, meant that the Mission could not grant increase of salary, and he felt unwilling to leave the gospel work to which he had given himself.

He thought the head and front of his offending at La Colorada, had been his organizing a C. E. Society there; which agreed pretty nearly with Guzman's statements to me. The latter thought Lopez had taken matters too much into his own hands, and gone ahead without consulting them fully.

Lopez seems to me to have done faithful work. He reports large sales of religious books nearly every month; and in our calls together upon families, he showed considerable tact and aptness for the work. I was much pleased with his active work amongst the passengers on the train between Hermosillo and Torres.

When I reached Hermosillo I found that money had been raised to pay for 500 printed notices daily for a week of meetings. Lopez said his personal acquaintance with churches was very limited, but that he thought the one in Hermosillo showed more of the spirit of generosity than those in El Paso and Guaymas.

Rain during the first week of my stay in Hermosillo, repeated more copiously in the last week, resulted in cold and dampness which affected unfavorably the attendance of outsiders, but on the whole the results were quite satisfactory there, in Torres and in La Colorada.

In Hermosillo, Mr. Crawford won the esteem of many persons of respectability, and I judge that many people are accessible to Evangelical effort. Hecause of the Roman Catholic bishop's crusade against the freemasons, there is much feeling against him. The city has electric lights, a bank with $750,000 capital, and a new factory or two, and will use 500 bbls. of roman cement in improving her wretched side walks. There is more liberty granted to ladies than in Chihuahua. They drive out alone, and with gentlemen on the same seat.

In Torres, Sr. J. G. Martinez l ts his light shine. Sra. Ramona de Sotomayer, Member of Hermosillo Church, wants to prepare the way for a preacher to visit her native "tierra", the Avispe district, up the Sonora river, where she says the people are ignorant but "de muy buen corazón",--very good-hearted--and have not been made fanatical by constant priestly influence.

In La Colorada, but little building is in progress. Yet all the mills seem to be in operation, and new mines are being opened. It is generally reported that there is much friendliness toward Protestantism, as well as indifference religiously.

Sr. Guzman is not yet sure whether he is providentially called to remain in La Colorada or to go elsewhere to live and work in the gospel: said, if he stayed, and Mrs. Crawford would come back to act as secretary for receiving reports of

the workers, and communicating with the United States, that he would give ten dollars monthly toward her support, and pay the hundred and twenty dollars in advance for the first year.

Rev.J.F.Corbin rode with me from Nogales down, and said that if we would sell, he thought their So.Methodist Board would buy our property in Hermosillo, and locate an American missionary there, and another in Nogales; said that Rev.D.F.Acosta might make a very useful man, if he were more consecrated in spirit.

Sr.Ignacio M.Lopez manifested an excellent spirit, and expressed readiness to work in any place to which he might be assigned by the Mission, altho doubtless he would be pleased to be allowed to labor in some other region than that in which he has been subjected to peculiar trials during the past year. He has proposed holding, on the anniversary of Mr.Crawford's death, a sort of culto funebre, to which people should be invited by means of printed cards, and he believes that many persons would respond favorably to such an effort. I was pleased to find that the monument erected over Mr.Crawford's grave is in good condition. Near by the friends of a deceased hermano have copied the text which is on the missionary's monument, causing to be written on the wooden cross, in Spanish, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ".

A humble peddler of small groceries amongst the ranches of the State told me that he had ten or twelve places on his circuit where there were little groups of believers who gladly received the tracts he carried to them. May we not hope that the precious investment of consecrated means and of a missionary brother's life in the work for that State, is yet to yield a harvest of blessing to make us glad?

James D. Eaton.

A N N U A L R E P O R T

El Paso Station.

MEXICO MISSION of the American Board

For Year ending March 31st, 1898.

There have been no changes in the working force at this station. The development has been steady in all departments.

C H U R C H W O R K

Our church at El Paso suffered a severe set-back in June of last year in the destruction of its house of worship, which cost, exclusive of the lot, $500 gold. It was a part of the disaster caused by the unprecedented high water in the Rio Grande, which left over 2000 people houseless, chiefly of the Mexicans.

We were able to get out all of the furniture before the water entered, and to save much of the lumber, but badly twisted and broken, after the water receded.

With this material, and the help of one of the brethren of the church, we have erected another building, of smaller capacity and with no pretension to architectural comeliness, but which serves temporarily for the services of the congregation. It is situated well for the attendance of the Mexican population, and is usually filled to the limit of seating capacity, which is not over eighty; indeed, it is very difficult to arrange the classes in the Sunday School so as not to interrupt one another.

The church has received nine members during the year, and now has eight candidates to be received at the next communion. It has contributed $11 gold to aid the poor of India, $5 to the Am. Bible Soc.,$12 to our own Board, $3 to the Home Missionary Soc. and the Church Building Soc, besides paying for S.S. supplies and incidental expenses and sending a delegate to the C.E. Convention ~~at San Luis Potosí~~.

Meeting have been sustained regularly in the county jail, both in English and in Spanish.

In CIUDAD JUAREZ the church has been under the care of Julián Carrasco, the the place has maintained it reputation of being an exceedingly hard one to develop. The church has done almost nothing toward self-support, has received but two members, and has not increased largely its regular attendance. The "Christian" denomination has withdrawn from the field after about two years' work with school and regular services, but the Methodists have appointed a man for work in the state of Chihuahua to be stationed at C. Juárez and Santa Rosalía, points 325 miles apart, and both occupied by our mission. This man is living, at present, in El Paso, Texas, and I am told that he has done little visiting in C. Juárez, chiefly among his own relatives, but has not yet held any services there, although some months have passed since his appointment.

The one item of growth to be mentioned in ~~that~~ the Ciudad Juarez field is that one

man, not yet a church member, has, with his own funds, erected a building which lacks but little of completion, with the sole object of dedicating it to the services of our church. The corner stone was laid with appropriate ceremonies in the month of November.

THE TRAINING SCHOOL

As directed by the Mission at its last meeting, the school has continued its course as best it could on the reduced appropriation, and the vacation was lengthened two months in order to give more time to work in the field. The year closed with the last of May, and opened on the first of November. There are twelve boarding pupils, six of whom receive all of their expenses from the Mission, one receives only his board, two pay about two-thirds the expense of their board and washing, and the others pay in full.

Julián Carrasco continues to give good satisfaction as assistant and the students are doing better work than ever before, as it seems to me.

VACATION WORK

During the summer months the students were distributed as follows: Federico Ponce supplying in Chihuahua during Dr. Eaton's absence, and afterwards in Cusihuiriachic; Jesús Valencia in El Parral during Mr. Olds' absence; Isabel Balderas in his field of the summer before, Flores; Daniel Molina in San Ignacio, the latter two points being in Mr. Olds' field; Manuel Elías and Jesús Nava accompanied Florentino

and myself on a trip by wagon, in which we held services in Villa Ahumada, Carrizal, Las Minas de S. Pedro, Corralitos, Galeana, El V. de S. Buenaventura, Cruces, Namiquipa and Guerrero. From that place Jesús Nava returned to Namiquipa, where he worked for the rest of the vacation. From Guerrero Elías, Piña and I went to Batopilas on horseback, where we held continuous services for a week, and returned to Guerrero.

The number of services conducted by the six students, exclusive of those on my trip was 269, with a total attendance of 12,534.

On my trip, from June 11th to July 20th, 39 days, I traveled by rail 350 miles and 386 by wagon, and held 30 services with a total attendance of 1915, making an average of 64 at each service, the largest part of these being where no services had been held before.

The trip from Guerrero to Batopilas and return occupied 28 days, 8 of which were spent in the saddle; 17 services were held, all but three being in Batopilas, with attendance of 842, giving an average of 50 at each service.

Although our wagon trip was chiefly through a region not visited before, I believe that there several points there which we could advantageously occupy if we had the means to do so. In the region of El V. de S. Buenaventura, where our church was organized eight years ago, we ought to station a worker, and can now do so without adding to the expense of the Mission.

We are thankful to the Lord for permitting us one year more of service.

Wright

Fuerte Station.
March, 1898.

For the church in Fuerte we must report a time of testing rather than of growth. We had, with no little confidence, expected enlargement, thinking it near at hand. We now kno the Master has seen the need of deeper preparation in his children. And while we lookt for conquests in Satan's territory, it seems that the adversary has been the more activ toward our own.

In one community the work is marred by a family quarrel, and by failure, hitherto, to obey the law of the Sabbath. Ammendment in this particular is promist, in seeming good will.

Among the members resident in Fuerte we have been pained to discover an inclination to mingle agen in worldly practices, particularly to attend dances, and in a single case, to take part in the same. We wer the more surprised because their separation from that practice had in the first place been spontaneous with them, and, as we supposed, complete. The church has met in conference on the subject, and every voice has declared the conviction of inconsistency between the practice of dancing and christian life.

Such questions are causing searchings of heart. We hav believed that there is before us an open door to wider influence, and these developements in no wise shake our confidence.

8 In the attendance at services, and in the usual activities of the church, there has been no special change.

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(4) Continuous meetings are sure to attract increast attendance, and the attention night after night has been such as to giv great hope of conversions.

The Sunday School, with an average of twenty-four, has followed the Life of Christ, under the written Graded Lesson system, with great profit. Failing as yet to find in Spanish the work of that ~~period~~ ~~system~~ in ~~Spanish~~ the Apostolic Period, we are repeating the past year's work with enlargement. The contributions of the Sunday School amount to Ten Dollars.

The Society of Christian Endeavor moves on its usual way. We confes to great perplexity as to methods which saight increas the efficiency of the society. Its contribution amounts to $10.38 Ten 38/100 Dollars. It is proposed to organize, in the near future, a Junior Society, under Miss Miller's guidance.

We rejoice and giv thanks for the coming of our long desired associate, and in the deserved and growing popularity of the school. In March the total attendance has risen to fifty-nine, with no room for more in our present quarters. Very nearly all pay the full tuition of Fifty Cents per month (of four weeks). The recognition publicly accorded to the school, and to its teacher, on the occasion of the recent distribution of prizes to the municipal schools, was unexpected and highly gratifying to us all.

Partly in hope of securing closer relations with young men, and others, we hav inaugurated a small circulating library for public use; chiefly of secular works, a few being in English. Quite a number of gentlemen of means hav

(#) 9 contributed toward the expenses of the enterprise.

As usual, a large part of the time from November to May is given to the country work. This has been further extended in two directions. A spirit of inquiry is seen at many points, and we are agen able to make somewhat frequent sales of Scriptures.

The extension referred to is to El Reparo, close to the Chihuahua line, where we spend two months during the time of greatest heat; and to Ocorroni, fifty miles south-east from Fuerte, in the Sinaloa District — taking this in place of the river route to Choix. In El Reparo the gospel is securing a hold, tho not without opposition. The old teacher there, quite fanatical at first, has become a Bible reader and declared his acceptance of its truth. The two months absence from Fuerte is thus increasing our acquaintance in Jecorato, Casas Viejas, Bacayopa, El Bohol, Norogachic, El Reparo, and other points that could not ~~cannot~~ otherwise ~~could come~~ within our circuit at all.

In Ocorroni, the home of three members of the church, there are several whose interest in the gospel seems to be growing, in spite of surrounding fanaticism. We also hav frends and Bible readers at other points on this road, so that, all things considered, it seems best to make it one of the regular routes. Its principal points intermediate are Sode Vega, Los Ojitos, and El Rayo (This is the diligence road toward Sinaloa and Culiacán).

(#) 10 The many points where services are held cannot now

be mentioned in detail. We believ the seed is growing. The appeal is direct; the attention close, often solemn. The Word is constantly held up as indispensable, and the children, together with their elders, are being drawn to it and taught to lov it as the treasure house of inspired story.

The visits of the missionary are sadly infrequent. If able to continue on the road until the end of May, he will then hav held only three consecutiv services in the twenty and more places visited during the present season. Three discourses in a year seem few for the evangelization of a town. Yet there is a goodly number thruout the District who are almost persuaded, and, as ~~the~~ we ever remind them, the Master remains with them. It waits but the touch of divine power, and there shall be fruitage.

Henry M. Pissell.

Fuerte, Sinaloa, Mexico.
4th April, 1898. –

Rev A. C. Wright:–
El Paso, Mexico,
Sec. of Mexican Mission, –
Dear Sir, –

Today's Mail brings word from Mr. Bissell requesting a report of the mission school here in Fuerte. – It affords us much pleasure to send such a report, the more so since to us, the progress of the school has been highly encouraging.

The school was organized 4th Oct. 1897, with an enrolment of 39 pupils, – boys and girls, in about equal number, – which before the end of the first month increased to 44. At the close of the first month, a few were withdrawn, from religious prejudice on the part of some members of their family. These have since returned. The number of attendance continues to increase steadily. Last month 8 new pupils were received. The average of actual attendance for the past 5 months is forty-seven. We commence the present month with fifty-eight enrolled, and three applications for admission.

Fuerte Mar. 31, '98
Dear ending
Received 5-12-98

The course of studies pursued is purely elementary. Attention is also given to drawing, vocal music (Sol fa tonic), and needlework.

The religious instruction has not yet reached the standard we hope, by God's blessing, it may yet have in the school. With the exception of usual morning Bible lessons and Gospel hymns we have been unable to undertake more in this the ordinary school programme demanding daily every moments of the hours assigned.

We are happy to state that the interest of the young people are deepening in the daily Bible reading. This they prove by their cheerful, ready responses to questions from Bible lessons, of even a few days previous. One boy, who at first, evinced the marked indifference, very modestly came and informed us that he had procured a Bible and he is daily reading at home.

With a better equipment of books, and more efficient assistant, we hope for greater opportunities to sow the Gospel seed another year.

We sincerely hope the request for an assistant may meet with approval and success, since if otherwise, it will clearly be the necessity to refuse admittance to some of our pupils already

with us. This would be with greatest sorrow, as the school affords, to most of these young people, the only means of Gospel influence. Yours cordially, in his service. Isabel M. Miller

Guadalajara Station.
1897 - 1898.

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The year has been a quiet one but marked by several incidents that seem worthy of note. Miss Long's formal location among us has brought efficient help and stimulus to the missionary force, and has produced a definite and gratifying effect on the work in general. Mrs. Haskins has still remained with her daughter, giving direct and indirect assistance in the work of the school.

The especial meetings held in February of last year, in union with the other churches of Guadalajara, under the direction of Mr. Morales, produced an impression that can never be wholly lost. A few new people were brought in, but most of the effect produced was on those who already believed: quickening, and deepening and strengthening their spiritual life. Eleven were received to the church at Easter, and five others have been received during the year. Of those who were converted, four girls were positively forbidden by their parents to unite with the church, one of these was soon taken to a distant town and the other three were forbidden to attend services, though they are still in our school. Several of the older members who had fallen into a routinary or even a loose way of living, were quickened, and have been very different since. Although the meetings were "union", it was found advisible to hold nearly all of them in our church and most of the effect produced was among our people, and for us it marked an epoch. It was the first the people had seen of what is technically known as revival effort, and it left them much better fitted than before for work, giving them at the same time the necessary impulse. Although the results of this are not such as can be tabulated or even seen except by those who are in closest touch with the work, they are none the less positive and prophetic of better things in the future. One effect is seen in the desire to attend similar gatherings whenever possible. Twenty went from Guadalajara to the Christian Endeavor Convention in Saltillo, a distance of over five hundred miles, and all brought back a blessing.

Another feature of the year has been the Providential scattering of the members. An enterprising man who belongs with us though he has not been received to membership owing to a lack of compliance with matrimonial requisites, bought a wood-lot and took a number of families thither to work for him. There was promise of a nice work being started there, but his financial success was so good that the seller found some pretext for bringing suit against

him and an injunction has put a stop to our work there, the families being scattered in the neighboring towns. The brickmason who built our church and the larger part of the new Adventist Sanitarium, secured work in the village of Chapala, and has several families with him. They are holding services and doing a good deal of propagating, in spite of bitter and determined opposition. Another group of families has gone to live on a ranch on the south side of Lake Chapala. These removals have affected the attendance at services which has been somewhat smaller than in the previous year. Attendance at Sunday School returns to one hundred every few weeks or months, but is somewhat below that figure most of the time; the attendance at the morning service being usually a little less than that of the Sunday School, as the Americans who come in to the latter, rather more than make up for the Mexicans who do not remain through both services.

One of the most hopeful indications is the interest that the church is taking in work in other places. It has assumed the responsibility for visiting San Miguel twice a month, and Chapala, Tuxcueca and Citala at least once in two months, with no aid from the Mission. This is quite a step in advance, for it involves considerable outlay for travelling expenses, and sacrifice in the way of loss of time on the part of those who go. San Miguel is about thirty miles from the city and is reached by rail, but the trip there involves the loss of Saturday and Monday from work. The other trip takes from eight to twelve days, and is made by rail, canoe, donkeys and on foot. There are six or eight of the members who are quite well fitted for such effort and do good work. There has been a marked increase of interest in visiting members who live in the villages. One member has made a very successful visit to Ayo, nearly a hundred miles to the east, and two are planning to spend "holy week" there. When members who live at a distance come to the city, they are welcomed more cordially than formerly and are entertained by the members.

Meetings for women have been maintained as usual; being devoted to prayer, Bible readings, and sewing; temperance and missions being frequently considered. The meetings are frequently held in the different homes of the people, thus reaching some who could not be brought into the more public services. These gatherings have developed interest among the women and given them training in public prayer and in work for others.

The two Societies of Christian Endeavor have continued their regular work. The young people have put into circulation many thousands of pages of evangelical literature, both here in the city and in the surrounding villages, and the committees have been more methodical and efficient in their work.

The work among the Americans has grown quite rapidly, although we consider it as entirely secondary to our regular work and give it very little time or effort. There are now four classes in our Sunday School conducted in English and taught by Americans, only one of whom is a missionary. A very interesting Christian Endeavor Society has been formed, the missionaries being only honorary members, and its fruits are being seen in many ways. It is probable that a Junior Society of Christian Endeavor will be formed before very long. A "W.C.T.U." a "L.T.L.", and a mothers' meeting are carried on with interest and profit. Cordial relations exist between the different Missions and with the rest of the colony. The prayermeeting for missionaries and Christian workers continues with interest and helpfulness.

The paper has continued, with some slight changes, and a small increase in subscriptions. The number printed at present is nine hundred, a slight reduction, owing to the cutting off of some exchanges. A second number of the hand-book was published and has been well received. High exchange and a capricious interpretation of the tariff have increased the cost of publication, but the expense has been met by some job work and the printing of the organ of the Adventist Mission.

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In Tlajomulco there has been little change. Two were received during the year, and faithful work on the part of the pastor has produced growth in some ways, but the field is a very hard one. Much the same must be said of San Sebastian, where services have been held every week, by Lino Pacas, but there has been little apparent increase of interest or power. In San Miguel there has been constant growth; new ones are continually being interested and there has been no falling off. There seems to be reason to hope that it may be wise to form a church there in the near future, as a branch to the one in Guadalajara. The people are all very poor, and the only possible hope for anything like selfsupport is the continuance of the same general plan adopted thus far, that is, the keeping of expenses down to the lowest possible point. A room is furnished by the people, nearly enough funds have been raised to buy a large lamp, and entertainment is furnished to those who go to hold services. In Citala, family prayers are held which include quite a large number of people, and simple services are held on Sunday. The owner of the hacienda and his family have read evangelical literature willingly and with some apparent profit, and others are being interested. At Tuxcueca, only one member resides, but he always gets several together for a service when some believer passes through. In Ayo, the two members and few believers gather in the house of one of them from week to week, and new ones seem to be showing interest. Were not the distance so great, the church would be glad to take up the work there. Some interest is being awakened at other points.

Report of Guadalajara Girls' School for the year ending Mar. 31, '98

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Report of Guadalajara Girls' School. — March 1898.

The infant and primary departments reopened October 4, 1897, the other grades beginning a week later in their newly arranged rooms. The second and third primary and first intermediate grades have sorely needed what has now been arranged — their own room and teacher to make it the happiest of places. New desks of the proper height have also been furnished.

The number of pupils enrolled during the past six months is less than during the corresponding months of the past two years. Both day and boarding pupils were unusually slow in returning, perhaps due in part to the absence of the usual, three hour, summer session. Since October sixty-nine ~~(69)~~ have been enrolled; from March '97 to March '98, one-hundred. The number of boarders since October '97 has been eighteen. Six of ~~our~~ the brightest boarding girls, two of them from

the higher classes, ~~have been~~ were taken away through Roman Catholic influence, which is particularly active in these days. Two others have been adopted into a Christian family. As usual there have been quite a number of applications that could not be granted for lack of ability on the part of the parents to pay a part of the expenses.

This year we rejoice in the course of study changed and completed, and are working it out, subject probably to some fur-

ther changes According to this, Tomasa Perez will finish "El Grado Superior" this year. We have found that under the new regime of public instruction, it would be impossible to obtain for her a public examination in special branches as we were advised to do, and for which we began to prepare her some three years ago. Several have finished the grammar course and have entered the highest grade.

On the whole the girls show a good degree of

interest and fair ad-
vancement in their studies,
which interest we expect
will be greatly increased
by the graduation of one
of their number.

In regard to the spiritual
growth, there are many things
which we hoped to be able
to say by this year. It is
true that they are willing
and attentive attendants
on all of the religious
services, constant and in-
terested in the reading
and study of the Bible,
and members of either the
senior or junior Christian

Endeavor Societies, and we can see growth in Christian virtues. Yet there has not been the deep change of heart or special blessing that we have so ardently desired and earnestly prayed for. It is possible that we expect too much the realization of our own ideals, and are sometimes disheartened while God is only working out for us, a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.

Report of the Station of C.Guerrero,E.de Chihuahua,Mexico.

We returned to this field,from our five months labor in Sonora, the latter part of April,1897.

In order to give a clearer idea of the work we shall divide the field into various districts.

C.Guerrero.-For the first part of the year the work here was not so encouraging on account of the setback received during ~~a part of~~ our absence. Though the meetings had been kept up very well by the people,a number of the adherents caused unpleasant scandals,and there being no overseer, it made matters worse.

~~But~~ The work has during the greater part of the year given ~~great~~ much encouragement spiritually,numerically,and in the amount of interest taken by a good part of the public in general. The meetings are better attended. ~~For instance~~ The sunday school at the beginning of the year had an average attendance of about thirty but ~~of~~ later fifty. The sunday evening service is ~~now~~ attended by about seventy. The ~~almost weekly~~ servires held by the members in various homes has proved very helpful to the work.The collections are larger,the congregation contributing over one hundred dollars. A number of the town's people have taken considerable interest in the church library,and we believe it to have been very helpful also to our own people

The women's meetings and christian endeavor societies have increased in interest and attendance. Meetings were desired by the prisoners,but the "jefe" would not grant the request. However tracts have been given them and they have bought a number of our religious books.

Twelve new members have been received on confession of faith, and as many more promising ones desire to be received. Many others would gladly do so were it not for family opposition. Besides there are a number of newcomers and inquirers. Many of the principal families are adherents,and ~~we~~ believe that the interest in the gospel was never so great as at present. The Romanists have taken note of this and some of them are showing their feelings rather plainly.

We believe that the bible woman thus far sustained by the Woman's Board has done excellant work,and has entrance to places hardly to be expected.

The following places are all out-stations with no help except that which the missionary gives.

San Isidro.-This place does not give the desired encouragement. However,some good is being done,especially so at Santo Ines where one of our churchmembers has a self supporting school,and a promising junior endeavor society of nineteen members.

Namiquipa.-Sr. Jesus Nava~~xxxxx~~, of Mr.Wright's training school, spent a part of his vacation here doing quite a successful work both in Namiquipa and outside. There are some twenty believers,and although the town is fanatical,and has the disadvantage of a very large percentage of the people not being able to read,we believe that a native worker could do a successful work,and that the people would as last summer furnish the meeting room and pay a part of the preacher's salary.The meetings are always held at the home of one of the principal families who also pays the expenses for the education of two of his girls in "El colegio Chihuahuense". A number of belivers are in the outlying ranches where successful meetings have been held. In one of these, Señorita Lydia Romera,a graduate of "El Colegio Chihuahuense" has had a self supporting school. Bachiniva has not given much encouragement,though the present president is a church member. In an hacienda,near by, of one hundred souls,there is considerable interest.

Santo Tomas. -Rather unexpectedly one of the principal families and merchants have fully declared themselves in favor of the Gospel. Others at the same pl ace are seriously reading the bible and evangelical literature. In a number of ranches near by ,there are inquirers who have been visited. One man a candidate for church membership has created considerable interst in the region,and holds services in his home weekly.

Cerro Prieto.- Thus far we know of no actual results at this place.Largely due perhaps to the fact,that we never could sell any literature and that the one, favoring our cause most is little more than an anti-romanist.But meetings with an attendance of thirty and more have been held . Another town on this side has a few families that show a good deal of int-rest.

Bocoyna.- This section has been worked but little.One of our girl members had a self supporting and later a government school, at Cisogichic,but as her christian life is not very exact,not much good may have been accomplished.Yet we know that in this district there are a number of families thoroughly interested in the gospel. One family has visited C.Guerrero,travelling a distance of about sixty five miles,and expressed their earnest desire to become members.

Cusihuriachic.-A few ef the members in"El Mortero" have moved to the town,and with the rest have their regular services,sunday school and two christian endeavor societies.The public seems rather indifferent,but the work has been growing.

During this mission year through the helpful visit and assistanc of Wr.Wright and three of his students,during a part of their vacation, meetings have been held at twenty six places within seventy miles of C.Guerrero,about twelve hundred different persons attending these meetings.Four new christian endeavor societies have been orga ized. Two students have gone to El Paso training school,paying jointly seventeen dollars monthly toward their suppot. The people have contributed over one hundred and thirty dollars for current expense Thirty dollars worth of scriptures,and one hundred and thirty five dollars worth of christian literature has been sold. ~~Fourteen~~ Twelve members have been received on confession of faith.

Sr.Florentino Piña,the colporteur,spent the greater part of the year in the western part of this state and in the eastern part of Sonora.In one town he reports the people hungerin for the gospel and desirous that a preacher visit them. For two other towns near by his reports are only a little less encouraging.These towns are about one hundred and fifty miles west of C.Guerrero and and we hope to visit them in the ne r future.

REPORT OF THE WORK OF THE PARRAL STATION&

On the Parral field we can report some progress, though discouragements and disappointments have not been wanting. The work on the railroad from Jimenez has resulted in ~~nearly doubling~~ greatly increasing the population of the city during the year, and there is a good demand for labor of all kinds. Brethren from other denominations, from various points of the interior, have made themselves known from time to time, but with one or two exceptions, have not shown much interest in religious thhngs. Mr. Blachly, the Bible colporter who has been so successful in other places, reported that he was unable to do anything in Parral. Some of our young men have fallen away, and the cause has suffered a great loss in the death of José de la Luz Ronquillo, one of the most influential and respected protestants in this region. Only 16 members have been received in Parral during the year, although 11 in Dolores have been waiting since September an opportunity to join the church. In October the regular district convention of the churches of southern Chihuahua was held here, being a profitable season for all who were able to attend. Our new church building continues to be a source of satisfaction and a great help. It certainly is worth all the sacrifice which it represents.

Out-stations. The Hacienda of Corral de Piedras is rejoicing in a thriving school whose teacher conducts services on the Sabbath and on Wednesday evenings. The missionary has visited the place 6 or 8 times, the attendance at the services sometimes reaching 90 or 100. There have been a few conversions.

El Potrero has been dr opped as an outstation, for only three church members live in the ranch, and the most active of those frequently spends Sunday in Las Cuevas.

Dolores. Good work was done during the summer by one of the El Paso students. A school was mantained, and a goodly number of candidates prepared for admission to the church, but on account of the great distance the missionary has not visited the place since March, '97.

as Cuevas. This church was very much discouraged, attendance had fallen off, services were not held regularly, and the brethren were fighting among themselves. In December, Eugenio Rodriguez, who had been sick for three months, in Parral was sent there, and since then they have been doing better. Still, the inconsistent lives and the indifference of the members, prevent the kingdom from extending, altho the town is unusually full.

Piedra Alumbre, visited twice. There are four families there, all nominally believers, but as only one or two persons in the ranch are able to read, no regular services are maintained.

San Ignacio. This point 60 miles to the west of Parral has been visited but once by the missionary, though a student held services there and in Guadalupe during the summer. There is still a list of 6 or8 candidates for reception to the church. The people are somewhat indifferent and lack instruction in Christian living.

Zaragoza. Several members of this church were sick with fever for a time so that for a few months the services were discontinued. They have been rather discouraged, for not only has the cotton factory stopped running, but the heavy rains destroyed the main irrigating ditch on which they depended for their crops. Now the ditch has been temporarily repaired services have been resumed, and they are making a determined effort to put on a roof and so complete their church building.

Self Support. In Corral de Piedras a school has been running for several months where the teacher is supported by the scholars and the manager of the hacienda. Religious instruction is given in the school as well as to those who choose to attend on the Sabbath.

Las Cuevas, as a condition of a helper's being sent there, they promised $10 a month, then pledged 7, and now, with much reluctance and delay, are paying 5. They are few in numbers, poor, and very close, not to say stingy, they are paying about $10 a month to the helper for the school which he is carrying on.

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Report of the Parral School.

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Boston

REPORT.

CHIHUAHUA AND OUT-STATIONS.

April to December, 1898.

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Besides this, the church has, during the past year, paid m Dollars monthly for the services of a sexton.

If the right man could be found, possessed of both pulpit ivality and a consecrated, self-denying spirit, it is probable that this Bi rch would be able to sustain its own pastor.

The "cultos de ofrendas" are held every two months, alter- AUH ing with the celebration of the Lord's Supper, and for these occa- ns somewhat elaborate programs, including addresses on the subject of ou lf-support," are always prepared by the natives themselves. These wo erings are in addition to the plate collections, and the payment of thly subscriptions toward the support of an assistant pastor. The unt raised is 36% in advance of the sum contributed during the pre- ing year.

Although our workers are not allowed to enter the prison, have been able to meet some of the inmates at the barred entrance the days appointed for interviews, viz. Sundays and Thursdays; and by writing of letters a little more has been done, particularly through cooperation of one or two believers amongst the prisoners. Nine of are subscribers to our religious papers, and a number of copies of Scriptures and of other books have been bought.

Deacon Romualdo Gonzales, of whom mention was made in our report, continues his residence in Mina Vieja, distant five leagues

n the city, where he occupies a position of responsibility with a ing company, and holds little meetings in his own house. The mission- has visited that point, and plans to go at regular intervals.

In the month of November, the church secured the services of Arcadio Morales, of Mexico City, for a series of evangelistic meet- . At the earnest request of the brethren in Parral, it yielded to a part of the time which had been engaged, and accepted from them aid in meeting the expenses of the long journey. Miss Wilson, of M.E. South school in this city, also gave $20., and the church itself ed $60. Señor Morales would accept no pecuniary return; but we t a considerable sum in printing invitations and handbills, of which ly seven thousand copies were distributed. A longer stay would have red larger results, as was shown by the fact that on the last evening ral more persons were ready to commit themselves, who were not given pportunity to do so. But as it was, quite a number of hopeful con- ons occurred, and many more were quickened and confirmed in their tian life.

One of the results of Señor Morales' visit was the establish- of a Union Normal Class, for the study of the Sunday School lessons, meets with the several churches in turn.

During the summer there was organized here a congregation of Iglesia Evangélica Mexicana," familiarly known as the "Independent" rch, with about eighteen members, chiefly drawn from the M.E. rch, South. Not one person has so far been withdrawn from our own gregation; and the young preacher in charge, Manuel T. López, has wn quite a brotherly spirit.

Woman's Work.

There seems to be but little to record in regard to any special k of the women. Still it is something that a few faithful ones have failed to gather each Tuesday afternoon for Bible study, prayer and ference, and to listen to the always interesting reports of the Will-Workers, whose visits in the homes, Bible readings and tract distribu-, have been a continuous seed-sowing throughout the year.

Our Bible study at the women's meetings has been supplemental to Sunday School lessons studied by the same group of women. After the on on the Samaritan woman, one good worker found a very practical of applying the truth. A company of strangers stopped at her door begged some water, which she gladly brought till all were satisfied. then invited them in and said that, as they had received water which quenched their natural thirst, she would like to offer them some of water of life. They replied that they had never tasted that water, would be glad to do so, except that they had already drank so much I

s led to an interesting conversation on spiritual matters.

This same woman, Doña Marcos S. de Guerrero, is very faithful making visits from house to house, in spite of having a large family a heavy baby to carry. She is carrying the light into at least six k homes. Many tracts have been distributed, and visits made in hos- al, barracks and prison, so far as allowed.

We have been strengthened and encouraged by two visits from esteemed sister, Antonia de Hernandez, whose mantle of usefulness ns to have fallen in some degree upon those who remain here. There many persecutions, some petty, and others not so trivial, yet all to bear, that are suffered by these workers; but their testimony is riably, that they suffer all things gladly, so that Christ is honored.

Christian Endeavor.

The C.E. Society has become a true strength and support to the ch. Its members are constant and faithful, not only in their own ings, but in all the meetings of the church. They furnish a goodly ion of the Sunday School teachers, are the organists and choir, and only prepare monthly programs, alternating between missions and tem- nce, but can be depended upon at any time to get up a creditable ial program on very short notice. The palma, offered to the Society should furnish the greatest number of members to the Church during year, was awarded, at the National Convention, to this Society,

ogether with that of Matamoras (the two being equal) and it is now in ur possession. It is our earnest desire that we may be able to report any more as upon the list of church members, at the end of another year. he Society sent 1st delegate to the Convention in Toluca, 1000 miles istant.

The Junior Society, under the efficient lead of Señorita ionisio P. Muñoz, holds weekly meetings on Sundays, at 3 P.M. Useful nstruction, with black-board illustration, is given, and a number of he members publicly confessed their love to Christ, at the Children's eeting, held by Mr. Morales.

ATOPILAS: - Early in the year it became evident that the preacher in harge, José M. Ibañez, could not with safety continue longer in the hot nd trying climate of this place; and he was relieved by Ignacio M. López, ho, with his young wife, came from Sonora in June. The usual services ave been sustained, and in December special meetings were held in connection with a week's visit by Mr. and Mrs. Bissell. At that time, six of the ong waiting candidates were received into fellowship with the Church. he meetings in the Jail have continued; and at Christmas a dinner was iven to the prisoners, and clothing and blankets were distributed amongst them, to the value of about $100., which ~~since~~ sum was collected by ópez.

The church has not been able to advance in the matter of

lf-support, on account of diminished work in the mines, which has left ny without employment, and occasioned the removal of some members to her localities. But the former contribution, of $15. monthly, toward e preacher's salary, has been continued, and all incidental expenses ve been met.

The greatest change has occurred in the work of the school, ich was not reopened in the fall, because Miss Burris was requested by e mission to take the place in the Chihuahua school which had been ft vacant temporarily, through the enforced absence in the United ates of Miss Hammond. The young woman who had been her assistant in topilas, Jesús L. Montoya, was scarcely able to endure the fatigue of e journey home in June, and a few months later passed to her eternal st. But there are many persons outside of the Protestant community o are anxiously inquiring when the school is to be resumed. For it has de a large place for itself in the respect and affection of the citi- ns. The receipts from tuition for the closing two months amounted to 5.50.

UDAD GUERRERO. - Señor Ibáñez arrived first at Cusihuiriachic, but n came to C. Guerrero, to occupy the place left vacant by the removal the Wagners to Sonora. A marked improvement in his health has been ught by the change of climate, and he has done good work in the new ld, which was visited by Mr. and Mrs. Eaton in October. In Guerrero,

pecial meetings were held for a week, and Mrs. Eaton's illustrated ssay on "Christian Stewardship" was presented. In San Isidro, during pecial services, the same subject was presented; and both here and at anta Inés the attendance was unexpectedly large.

With the month of December the Christian Endeavor Society, hich had been thoroughly reorganized by Ibáñez, before the visit was ade, began to contribute $5. monthly toward the pastor's support. robably a church should be organized in Guerrero, and Señor Ibañez or-ained to the ministry, under the condition that the monthly contribution e increased.

Ibañez attended the C. E. Convention at Toluca in July, his xpenses being partly met by an offering of $35. from Batopilas, and $10. rom Guerrero.

He was greatly afflicted by the death of his wife on Christmas orning, after an illness which had obliged him to suspend for a consid-rable time his visits to distant points. The esteem in which both were eld was shown by the large attendance, at the funeral service, of Roman atholics of good social standing.

USIHUIRIACHIC. - No purchaser for the mission property has yet been ound. Small rentals received from tenants have been enough to pay xes, insurance and a few repairs. Mining companies have not yet en-

arged their operations, waiting, it is supposed, for the completion of he new railroad from Chihuahua, which has the rails already laid for a istance of about 35 miles. The brother who supports himself, while ccupying a part of the mission house, Señor Rafael Enríquez, gathers a ittle band of from eight to twelve persons on Sundays. In November a urprisingly good congregation was gathered to meet the missionary.

IMÉNEZ. - Señor Felipe Z. Hernández and wife have worked faithfully, nder unfavorable conditions, some of the brethren having moved away, and he town itself having lost some of its prosperity through the building f the branch line to Parral.

During a stay in September, the missionary was able to visit he jail in his company one Sunday afternoon, and learn more about his ork for the prisoners. He is evidently regarded with favor by the uthorities.

The church has raised $55.17 for congregational expenses, esides making some special gifts and gathering funds for the purchase f a lot on which to bulid a chapel.

Señor Hernández has, with few exceptions, made his monthly isits to the other points on his circuit, viz.: Villa López, Palomas, and nta Rosalía, almost always finding some new hearers. He has sold some ristian books, distributed a large number of tracts, and secured nearly

sixty subscribers to various Evangelical periodicals. He was aided in meeting the expenses of attendance, by himself and wife, upon the Morales meetings in Chihuahua, and was very helpful in getting outside people to attend the services.

On the field covered by this report, there is growth in population and material prosperity, more particularly in the Capital city. Several incidents might be related to show that Protestantism is held in greater respect than ever before. Opportunities for fruitful service are many; and it is to be hoped that there may be provided more of competent men, and more adequate means, for the vigorous prosecution of the work in the coming year.

The Spanish-American war has been the occasion for publishing many ill-natured criticisms of our countrymen, as well as for the expression by some of a sincere apprehension, lest the "expansionist" proclivities of the United States should, at no distant day, lead to further encroachments upon the territory of Mexico, which was so seriously curtailed through the war of 1847.

The large present immigration of Americans, who occupy an ever increasing share of the lucrative positions in the business world, naturally awakens feelings of jealousy and enmity on the part of those who belong to the less capable and aggressive race, and renders more difficult, in some respects, the efforts of our missionaries in behalf of this

people. Yet it seems to be perfectly plain that we cannot transfer to Europeans the duty and the privilege of evangelizing our Mexican neighbor.

James D. Eaton

Chihuahua School.

From April to December.

It is well known to all members of the mission that our school was obliged to part with its Principal soon after the Annual Meeting of last year. It was supposed that she could return at the opening of the school in September, but it seemed imperative for her to have more extended rest, as her health was very much impaired. For a while her return was looked for at the beginning of 1899, but still the wiser plan seemed to be further absence and during this time our altar fires have never failed to keep the incense burning – bearing above our earnest desires for the clear manifestation of a Father's hand, in the following of which restoration to health may be found.

The place made vacant by Miss Hammond's leaving found an occupant right in our midst, for Miss Burris was in

Chihuahua, waiting to return to Balopilas, when word came that Miss Hammond could not return as expected, and the mission promptly decided that Balopilas would be obliged to give up to the greater needs of Chihuahua.

After the leaving of Miss Hammond the school continued with eight boarders and thirty-eight day pupils. Examinations were held the last days of June, to which the parents were invited but no word was sent to the government as all the larger pupils were away.

Maria Holguin, one of the first class girls, taught school in Malachic from the time she left school till the first of Sept. and gave great satisfaction in her work. Her sister Magdalena accompanied her, assisting some in the school but giving much of her time to helping in household duties in the family of Dr. Nichol, for whose family they went especially. Josefa Talamantes, not a graduate but a former pupil of this school has

gone to occupy her place. The other members of the first class were in their homes during vacation. Eiria Armendariz had a small school in Atotonilco. Lidia Romero, whom you will all remember as belonging to our graduating class of '97, has from her first earnings paid entirely for her last year's schooling, including music lessons.

School reopened Sept. 8 with an enrollment of twenty-five, but fifty-one have received instruction during the year.

The growth in christian character has been quite marked in many of the girls this year and in the meetings conducted by our evangelist, Mr. Morales, some who had never before confessed Christ did so publicly and their voices are now heard in the little noonday prayer meeting, held just before separating, and it may be added, that, with a very few exceptions, all of our twenty-seven boarders are hopeful christians.

Eiria, who was compelled to drop out of her class of '97 on account of illness came back this year and has done almost double the amount of work, making up back studies and now forms one of the Tis of '99. Concepcion Morales, who belonged to this class did not return. Two of our first class girls merit special mention for their faithfulness and good work done, and we think them well prepared to go out to carry the light they have received to others.

One of our second class girls was called home by the death of her sister, the wife of one of our most faithful native pastors. So great did the need seem to be that Eva Sanchez relinquished her school plans to accept the place of mother to the two little motherless children left by her sister. But we do not feel that her usefulness to the Cause has been at all diminished by the place she now occupies.

The changes made in the building have proven most satisfactory in every way and we would especially manifest our appreciation of the plumbing which gives us such quantities of fresh, pure water.

The libray has had three small gifts this year and is very useful to the girls in many ways.

Juding from past experience, we think it very necessary to have some agreement with the girls who have received so much from the school as to the payment of a certain per cent of their salaries for a certain length of time after they go out to teach. For example, Maria Holguin taught during the summer months and was able to save quite a little sum, but not one cent of it was given to the school. When spoken to about it she said she had given it to her mother; we never knew just how it was spent, but presume it went for debts. It seems that when they receive so much they ought to have it impressed upon them that they owe something to the school when they are able to go out and work. *

The Kindergarten department has had nineteen little ones during the

year but not more than twelve at once. One boy is not very small and his mother was told last year that he ought to be put in a primary school the following year. He was put there but ran away every day, so was again brought to the kindergarten asking permission to remain one more year. On the other hand there have been some wee ones, but none too small to thoroughly enjoy the kindergarten work. Of the nineteen there have been only six from christian families. This has led to some religious discussions and many times the teacher has wished that people would remember, that for children, there is no Protestantism or Catholocism but all are God's children.

Miss Hammond still remains in the States but we hope she may be able to resume her work next year, for we think her strongly adapted to the place.

ANNUAL REPORT
of the

EL PASO STATION of the Mexico Mission of the A.B.C.F.M.

for the year ending March 31st 1899.

CIUDAD JUÁREZ:-

The work in Ciudad Juárez has been under the direction of el Sr. Julián Carrasco during the year, who has been faithful in keeping up the services, but has not been able to do much pastoral work on account of his duties in the school. There have been no additions to the church and the attendance is about the same as last year.

One great improvement in the condition there is the gift of a chapel by one man, so that the church has no rent to pay now. This building has cost the owner about $500 Mexicam momey, and is held by him personally, but freely given to the church for its use.

EL PASO.

Although our services have been held in the entirely unsuitable room erected provisionally, until the present month, we have had good congregations, continued interest, and proof of the blessing of the Lord in the conversion of about a score of souls. Several of these persons have moved to other parts, a few have joined other churches in the city, due in large part to the impossibility of pastoral work on my part while conducting the school, and others have been received to church membership. If there were time and

strength for special meetings and personal visits in the houses of the people I believe that great results in enlarged attendance, a higher spiritual life in the members and new conversions would be seen very soon.

The people have contributed well toward our new building and are delighted with it. This has been erected at a total cost, including one new lot and such furnishings as we have bought, a little over $2000 gold, which has been provided be a grant of $1500 from the Church Building Society, the gifts of friends and the contributions of members of the church.

THE SCHOOL.

This year has seen the number of students increase until lacking but two of being as large as when we were receiving twice the amount of our present appropriation by reason of the aid of the Education Society. This has been accomplished by receiving only those who could pay, at least a part of the expenses. The total amount thus received since September is $620 Mexican and $82 Am.

I do not consider the work done in the classes entirely satisfactory, but I do not see how it could be improved without an increase of the teaching force. In my opinion, the school has reached the point where there must either be an increase in the teaching force, or the range of studies must be considerably limited from the present order and, consequently, the number of students be reduced again. Moreover, my present assistant in the school, J. Carrasco, has expressed his desire and intention to leave the employ of the

mission, chiefly, I understand, because he has become convinced of his lack of fitness for the ministry.

Our matron has not been satisfactory, on account, in part, of her poor health, and partly from lack of sympathy with the students, and she has helped to precipitate a feeling of discontent among the students with the work in the kitchen assigned to them. This has assumed such serious proportions that I fear we shall be unable to continue except by a radical change in the management of the institution.

EL Valle de SAN BUENAVENTURA.

Here the work carried on by Isabel Balderas has been unusually successful. From one of the most unpromising fields it has reached the point of being one of the first churches of the mission in number of members received during the year. The church in the town is still in process of construction by Don Teófilo Romero, but as the chief growth has been in Los Ranchos de Abajo, at a distance of about five miles from the town, the brethren now propose to erect at their own expense a chapel there in case Balderas in continued, and to have it ready for use in August. Balderas has also made trips to surrounding towns and ranches with most excellent results, chiefly in Las Minas de San Pedro, about 60 miles north, and in Cruces, some 40 miles the other way. He w wishes to be married and continue in the same place. I have been able to visit these brethren twice during the year.

OTHER WORK.

Since September I have gone over with Carrasco a translation of Sell's "Bible Study by Books" made for the class last year, and have copied the whole work for the printer, who now has it all in shape for making up the book, the last pages being now in the press, I suppose.

CONCLUSION.

As a whole we can but say "The Lord hath blessed us hitherto" and we thank him. Two new church buildings and the immediate prospect of another, a full school, twenty-seven received to our churches good health and all our needs supplied are but some of the indications of the richness of his blessings to us during this year.

A. R. Wright

Mexico Mission.

Fuerte Station, — 1898, 99.

The year 1898 and 9 has seen changes in the Fuerte Station, some of which hav given new encouragement, and others, deep anxiety and pain. On the whole the period has been one of advance and hopefulness.

Our associate-helper, Jesús Valencia, has been with us since July. It has been a privilege to hav him side by side with us in all the work of the year. ~~of the year.~~ He has constantly taken turn with us, and most acceptably, in the ministrations at home, and together we hav made the tour of the district, he thus gaining immediate acquaintance with those who are frendly to the work. The thot has been that this concentration of work from Fuerte as a center might be the better method for a single year. ~~It possibly it may be best to continue the same arrangement for the present.~~ The hoped for increase in the frequency of visits in the touring work has hardly been realized thus far, partly owing to extension of field simultaneous with increase

Report of Fuerte station

of force, and partly to our having traveled to-gether on the first round. Nor have we seen that arrousing of the town of Fuerte which we had hoped might attend the preaching of the Word by nativ lips.

Having been requested, with approval of the Mission, to include Batopilas and Alamos in our parish, these points were taken early in the touring season.

The visit to Batopilas, in which Mrs. Bissell accompanied me, was made in November. The evidences of faithful and effectiv work, under the guidance of helper Ignacio Lopez, were most encouraging. The meetings, of a week's duration were well attended, and at the close six (five adults) were received to church membership, and two children were baptized. There may hav been some lack of clearness as to the requirements necessary to constitute one a candidate for church membership, and this naturally resulted in reducing the number actually presenting themselves at last. Yet we are glad to testify to the evidences of helthful growth, and of the activ-

ity of the brethren in church work.

During the Batopilas meetings there was suggested a conference of churches at Puerto, of which we speak later.

In December, in accordance with the request of the Mission, we visited Álamos, a town of 5000 inhabitants some 80 miles north and west of Puerto. We found one family and one other person, - three members, - representing the evangelical work done there. Pretty dilligent inquiry failed to discover any considerable number favorably disposed toward the gospel. The authorities seem entirely friendly, - or more correctly speaking, indifferently friendly. We did not find it possible to secure a room for services near the center of town, but held them at the residence of the evangelical family, - an intelligent artizan, with an attendance of eight or nine adults each evening. The baptism of two young children of this family seemed a most precious and impressiv occasion.

I returned by my own conveyance (thru great rain) hoping to hav held service at Papigueias, the principal ranch on the road. Valencia remained for another two days and service in Álamos and returned by stage. I think we were in entire

agreement about the outlook of the work there. It seems to us, as has been communicated to the Mission, that work may be expected to develop slowly, under strong opposition; — that it seems a pity not to locate a man there; — and that, nevertheless, it were a greater pity to leave the much larger and more willing hearing in the Puerto District for such an opening.

The 'sifting' in the Puerto church, of which we spoke a year ago, has been unspeakably sad & has brought its legitimate result, separation. Two members, a mother and her daughter, in whom we had long had confidence, were lured into the world's ways, to their manifest ruin, so far as at present appears.

On the other hand, seven have been received to the church, and three more are enrolled as candidates. And others, one here, one there, are perhaps in the Kingdom, altho circumstances do not seem to permit their enrollment in our lists as yet.

In the touring in general we have had a numerous hearing and have striven specially for immediate surrender. It does seem to us that there is progress in some of these places, — that there is more attention to the Word and

a growing sense of its character and claims. It seems certain that in various quarters, and among people of all classes, there is a growing confidence in us and in the Word we bring.

In opening the school for its second year it was necessary to ~~limit~~ admit girls only, on account of the lack of efficient assistance. Under this arrangement enrollment has reacht thirty-four (34). Want of helth has long been a heavy burden to our associate. For months it has been seen that she might not be able to continue in the work; and in the early days of March she was entirely prostrated and school was closed. She has rallied but slowly and it is with difficulty that she is now able to travel homeward, retiring from the field. She is assured of our profound sympathy in all this trial.

One of the bright and pleasant places along the way, one of the brightest in all these years, has been the conference of the churches of Batopilas and Fuerte, held in Fuerte, March 2nd to 5th — or, more correctly, from February 27th to March 7th. Five brethren came from Batopilas (three of them afoot), one from Álamos, one from Ocorroni, three from La Constancia, and some friends were present from other points. Pro-

gram and organization were very largely the people's own and workt harmoniously and well thru-out. No small credit is due those from Batopilas for the care taken in the preparation of their themes; and in Fuerte also, labor had not been wanting. After written papers, a general redineso was shown for discussion of the subjects presented, and usually in a manner profitable to all. Day and evening sessions were held (sermons in the evenings) and a deepening impression was made of the reality of the truth we hold, as well as of the fact of evangelical fellowship and comunity. The Fuerte church found itself in actual visible association for the first time. The brother from Álamos (S.M.) was the secretary of the organization.

The occasion was made more glad by the consumation of a wedding, and by the reception of four members at the communion season. And of the candidates for future reception, two date their final decision at this time.

Before adjournment the conference exprest its hope and purpose to secure (D.V.) a repitition of this experience, at Batopilas during the coming autumn, and the possibility of being joined by repre-

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The social side of this gathering was not lacking in importance, opening as it did with an evening spent socially, and closing with a "dia de campo", where nearly forty persons, nearly all of them members, spent a thoroly enjoyable time, a day long to be remembered by all who had part in it.

And after those hours of christian recreation, when we gathered for glad ~~choruses~~ hymns of praise and thanksgiving, before returning to our homes to separate on the morrow, as we lookt round the group and remembered what changes had been wrought in these lives, in these faces, as we thot of the old life and the new, one lofty note seemed to run thru all our song; herd as yet, it is true, with humble fear and trembling, — and yet, herd with hopeful and almost triumphant joy — that one word: ¡Saved!

Henry M. Pizzell.

Puerto, March, 1899.

Report of Fuerte Station School
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As had been previously determined by the station, school was reopened October 3rd, 1898, minus the boy pupils. Judging from the applications for admittance of boys, we may safely state that the number that would have been in attendance this school year, would have greatly exceeded that of the past. Boys who had failed to gain admission the previous year, were brought in earlier from the ranches

Report of Fuerte Station, the year ending March 18[illegible]

We are aware of five families who kept their boys at home in the hope that we would finally relent and permit their boys to enter.
The boys are ambitious and bright, and act as incentives.
We are now, more than ever, of the opinion that co-education is possible in Puerto, and would likewise be salutary and beneficial.
The awakening of a popular sentiment against certain existing social follies, is as necessary among the boys as among the girls, and, above all the instilling of Christian

principles.

The foregoing statements are an appeal for the "Fuerte boys in the future. Also, we venture to state that such a school a lady teacher may undertake, providing an assistant could be secured who would prove of some help, and not an additional burden. We hoped that for another year such an assistant would be afforded us from the ranks of our pupils. Besides this, two of the brightest girls had already obtained the permission of their friends to attend the

mission college in Chihuahu
in order to have the normal
training that would fit
them to become teachers.
Of the forty girl
that have been in attendance
this year, we could count fro
all classes of society, from
the very poor, to the niece o
the lieutenant governor,
who very amiably expressed
his regrets at the early closin
of the school, remarking tha
he was very sorry, but as wa
invariably the case in Juert
a good thing never continue
for a long time. We were
gratified to know that the

school had come to be recognized as "a good thing".

In regard to the moral and spiritual tone of the school, the advance made seemed very small. There has been less tendency to untruthfulness among the pupils, we believe. Victories have been gained over this special sin of which the victors have been justly proud.

Another step above the previous year, was the establishing of a weekly Bible class. Nearly all the older girls attended this class, though a few did so with great reluctance, while desiring

to please.

Our equipment this year has been superior to that of the past, by a more systematized supply of books, the addition of another blackboard, two fine wall maps and a terrestrial globe, the two latter being the generous donation of a friend of the Mexican Mission.—

Isabel M. Miller.

Shortly after the last annual meeting the angel of Death entered our Guadalajara school calling to the Heavenly Home, Victoriano Tatengo, an orphan girl who had been under the care of the mission for more than twelve years. The last months of a long illness she passed with some of her former schoolmates who asked to be permitted to cheer her long, weary days; but she died in Mrs. Howland's little guest chamber, where every loving ministry was given her in His name. The effect upon the remaining girls was not so deep nor so lasting as we hoped. But we thank God for the assurance that Victoriano, herself, had learned to love her Saviour and passed without fear through the valley of the shadow into the perfect day.

Another of our girls, Lorenza Perez, an inmate of the school for eight years, also left us last year, to enter upon what we have reason to believe will be a life of Christian usefulness, as teacher of a school of some twenty-five children in the village of San Miguel. The closing months of school were full of anticipation of her graduation. The diploma was given in the church and the influence of this first commencement has been stimulating to the girls in general, and also the church people con-

prehend a little better the scope of our work.

During the vacation, Miss Hoskins visited San Miguel, organizing the school there immediately after a well attended celebration of September sixteenth; and in spite of bad roads and other difficulties, passed a week in Ayo Chico in the home of two of our girls where she had many opportunities to speak and sing the Gospel to unbelievers.

At the same time a partition was taken down in the building in Guadalajara, so that the school reassembled on the thirteenth of October in a beautiful sunny room. A new division of labor has been tried quite satisfactorily this year, the home and general care of the girls resting entirely upon Miss Hoskins, the conduct of the school upon her associate. Josefa de la Mora, our former assistant teacher, in September, began a year's study in the Bible Normal College in Springfield, Mass. Her letters show that she has been greatly awakened spiritually, and when God shall return her to us, we hope that she will be strengthened to meet the many difficulties which have hindered her usefulness in the school and church.

In Josefa's place we have had to employ one who is not Evangelical, al-

though an extreme liberal, and a believer in the Word of God. The loss is great to our little ones, but Doña Paula's character and influence are in themselves excellent, lacking only that atmosphere of love and joy which a Christian experience creates.

The older girls have been required to teach a class each day, which has proved beneficial in several ways. Music has also been included in the higher grades as a part of the general course, as we think the ability to play hymns may be useful to the cause of Christ in the villages.

Sickness has hindered the school somewhat during the winter. The difficulty in gathering together our little children from distant parts of the city has been in part overcome by instituting a hot luncheon for them in the middle of the day, free to those who can not pay the three cents. We have gained few new children, As several have come for a day or two, and then returned no more, avoiding us on the street, or making simple excuses, we judge that the priests are vigilant.

At Christmas time we had a happy gathering around a school tree, with a programme arranged almost entirely by the girls. The room was filled and the fragrant greens kept a pleasant

memory alive for into February.

The spiritual growth among us is not very apparent. The weekly school prayermeeting has been given up, and only one girl in the house has a really bright and constant Christian experience. Two others are Church members but are very little babes in Christ. Nevertheless we love our girls and see where others could not discern good and sweet impulses and possibilities.

In this new year we look for God's blessing with new hope and stronger faith. Though it be but the seed time, or the time of watering, we will do what we may for His sake.

Guadalajara, April 14, 1899.

Average Number of pupils enrolled from October to January. — — — — — — — — — —	46
Average attendance	40
Boarders (total no.)	21
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Report of the Hermosillo Station.

We were moved this year from the Guerrero field to that of Sonora. We left the former about a month after the ~~conference~~ annual meeting Hermosillo made great material progress during the year. Many public improvements have been made, and minor industries developed. The buildings are being renovated, and scores of new ones build. Living is dear, but wages are comparatively high. The population must have increased about fifteen per cent during the year.

The advantages for intellectual improvement are also pretty good and being improved, though the public manifests less interest in that line. Morally and spirtually not much progress is visible. Temptations are many, and not much restrained, and the people too prone to yield to their bad influences. Romanism seems flourishing financially, yet its hold on the greater part of the population is ~~smxixx~~ weak. Worldliness, and religious indifference dominate.

A number of difficulties came up in the work. The unfortunate circumstances which made it advisable that the native preacher, preceding us, be stationed at another place, were made worse, no implying anything wrong in his character when he married a girl from the congregation. The peculiar anti-american sentiment, for a place so close to and commercially so dependent on the united states, was enhanced by the spanish american war. The movement which took the larger part of the M. E. South church memebership into the National church, effected us as yet hardly any numerically, but hampered us in the work. There is a great weakness of character among a part of the population most accessible. As a large part of the congregation is of the floating population, it has varied considerably during the year. There is also less stability of character among the ~~amongst~~ the beliers moving about so continually.

The city and neighboring town of Seris, making a population of twenty thousand, was pretty thoroughly canvassed with bibles and evangelical lierature by different persons on three different occasions. Many tracts have been distributed. Some bibles and literature were sold. Nor are the bibles lacking among the people. From a personal canvass made, I judge that at least one half of the families have the book or a part of it. Meetings have been held in the homes of different families, the hospital visited, and many tracts distributed in the prison. Some effort has been made among the chinese, of whom there are some threehundred, the largest and most extensively increasing foreign colony. The american colony is small and floating. But a very small number of them is interested in any religion, though a few are very faithful.

We also found some encouragements. Though there are only fourteen resident memebers of the church, of whom four were received this year, most of them are faithful. We have reason to be lieve that six were converted, and some fiftteen others, are not far from the kingdom. The services are better attended. ~~xxo~~ A few are able to lead meetings quite acceptably. The amount contributed during the last eight months of the year 1898 was two hundred and twenty five dollars. Of this ~~and~~ amount nearly one- hundred and fifty dollars was applied toward the help of the Cumpas work, the American Bible Society, and the Batopilas church.

In Torres the only christian man was out of town most of the time, and other promising families have moved away. There is very little encouragement here at present.

At La Colorada and Minas Prietas, Señor Jesus Nava, one of the boys of the El Paso Training School has been in charge for a great part of the year. He is quite able, well-liked among most of the congregation, very ambitous, and in general applied his energy judiciously for so young a man.

The camp was rather dull at the beginning of the year, but since better metal, and more mines have been found.

In the christian work, some difficulties had to be encountered. At the same time some of the troublesome parties were very helpful to the work in other ways. The priest of the town treated some of his members rather insultingly, and being already favorably inclined toward protestantism, came out strongly for our cause. Some of them we have reason to believe have been thoroughly converted. Twelve new members were received, some having given good proof of their faith for over a year. There have been a number of conversions, and many more giving the best of promise. The attendance has increased, and the contributions are much better. For the last six months, the congregation contributed on an average about fifteen dollars monthly toward the support of the preacher. They also paid the current expenses, and raised about eighty dollars for the improvement of the church building. Small contributions have also been made toward the American Bible Society, and the Batopilas church, Chihuahua. There is considerable enthusiasm, and though not always of the healthiest kind, much good for the work may be expected, if peace be maitained.

The American colony is quite large and of a better class than formerly. A few take an active part in our work. The colony helps a great deal in framing the ideas of the people, and the moral tone is commendable in comparison with most camps I know in the country.

Cumpas. This work is still under the care of Señor Alejandro Villa, who started and developed it with the Lord's help. Since our report of six months ago, no visit has been made but a continuous correspondence has been carried on. At times they suffered considerable persecution. The Jesuit missionaries who visited all the more important places of the state, made strong efforts to check protestantism. A number of the shortcomings of the work, when we received it, have been improved. Most, if not all of the members not then yet legally married, have since learning their christian duty attended to the matter. The sunday school then begun has been kept up with a large attendance. The attendance at other services has also increased. The preachers wife and others of the congregation, have made sufficient progress in music to play some on the organ for congregational singing. Several other points have been visited, at considerable expense to the congregation, and encouraging meetings have been held at MocteZuma the county seat. The people have further put into execution the beginning of a church edifice to seat some four hundred people, and cost probably about a thousand dollars. Beyond two hundred and fifty dollars promised them I know not of them having any outside help promised. The building is absolutely necessary for the size of the congregation, and it is to be hoped that they obtain sufficient help to get the roof on before the rainy season sets in. ~~A little further outside help may be needed to get the roof on before the rainy seaso sets in.~~

In La Mesita near Sahuaripa the brethren have kept up the meetings themselves, and are making some progress. There are now twenty ~~xxxxxx~~ two of them ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ not counting those under twelve years of age. They seem much in earnest and anxious that a worker be send to that district. They are very poor but ~~xxxxxxx~~ willing to to do what they can toward helping a preacher. They have a little ~~fun~~ funds ready for his expense, and a man is ready to meet the worker at ~~the~~ Casas Grandes to accompany him to their town. In Sahuaripa, where the headquarters of he worker would most likely be for the ti time being, there are several showing promising interest in the Gospel. In Arivechic, several miles on the other side of La Mesita, there are about a dozen who call themselves protestants, though I am afraid their conduct is not yet christian, but the town seems promising for our cause. In a number of other towns there are believers and interested ones. All of the towns are near enough to be frequently visited by a man stationed at El Valle de Te cupeto or Sahuaripa. Though actual protestatism is new in this region, and it is difficult to discern between curiosity and actual interest, I nevertheless look upon it as one of the promising fields in Sonora.

Yours respectfully,

Hermosillo, April 15/99. Horace T. Woman

Report of the Parral field.

April 7 '99.

We commenced the year with good courage on account of the help received from the brethren of the Mission in the special services held in connection with our Annual Meeting, which met in Parral last April. At two of these services the attendance was something over 200. In November, we enjoyed another series of special meetings, led by Sr. Arcadio Morales, when the attendance was still greater. Sr. Morales, although a Presbyterian, kindly left his church in Mexico City to visit Parral and Chihuahua, these churches paying his expenses, and was the means of bringing us a great blessing. Our people were very much helped, though there were but few permanent converts, probably because his stay was so short.

In January the Sunday school was reorganized with good results. The school is now divided into 10 classes, 2 of them being composed of Americans. In the pastor's class, there are 14 young men, all but 3 unmarried, besides 5 others, who attend when in Parral. The teacher's meeting, which is held on Monday evenings, is well sustained, and is attended not only by most of the teachers, but by a goodly number of others.

The church has recently made a new departure with regard to missionary work. Three young men took it upon themselves to sustain regular services in Corral de Piedras, and for some weeks were very faithful. Later they arranged to go only once in a few weeks. Also, a number of the young women, in addition to keeping up their regular prayer-meetings, which usually have been led by Miss Prescott, and occasionally by Mrs. Olds, have been visiting the railroad camps near the city, on Sunday afternoons, singing and talking in the tents and on the hillsides, with those whom they could reach. Several members of the Christian Endeavor Society, too, have held meetings Sunday afternoons, in private houses in different parts of the city.

Only 7 members have been received into the Parral Church during the year, though at present, there are 24 candidates awaiting opportunity to join. The offerings and special gifts for the year have amounted to about $220, silver, besides the sum raised by the Christian Endeavor Society. This amount includes gifts to aid in building the churches in Zaragoza and El Paso, traveling expenses of Sr. Morales, collections for

the American Bible Society and for the Junta Misionera Mexicana,&c.

In the absence of the pastor while touring, regular services are kept up, being conducted by different members, as directed by the Prudential Committee. Sickness in the family prevented me from touring for about 3 mo months in the summer, and most of the month of March was given up to carpenter work, while overseeing the construction of the church in Zaragoza, still visits have been made, and services held, 30 different times, to points outside of Parral, and over 1100 miles have been traveled with ~~horse~~, wheel, ~~or~~ horseback or horse and buggy. The Week of Prayer and Holy Week were observed by 3 or 4 different congregations in the field. All together 115 paid subscriptions to various evangeltcal periodicals are helping us in the work.

Beginning with April, regular monthly services have been held, with preaching in English, on Sunday afternoons. The attendance has been usually small, on account of the fact that many of the Americans live outside of th the city, but on the whole the experiment is quite satisfactory, and we feel well repaid for the extra labor involved. The collections at these services have averaged nearly $5.

After considerable effort, the resident missionary has been successful in introducing a system of School Savings Banks into all but one or two of the public and private schools of Parral. The idea has been well receiv ed. During the first four months the sums deposited by the scholars in these various schools amounted to $478 24. In our own school, though the children are all from poor families, over $45 00 was deposited. It seems to us that it is a line of instruction very important to foster among these ~~naturally impoovident~~ people.

In material prosperity there has been remarkable growth in this field during the year. The arrival of the first locomotive in Parral was fittingly celebrated on the 28th of September. As an indication of commercial activity, it might be noted that the bank is doing ten times as much busine as it did 2 years ago. A diligence line has been opened to Guanacevi, 110 miles or more to the south, and the coaches run every other day, passing through Las Cuevas. In Zaragoza, the cotton factory, which has been idle for some years, has changed owners, and is soon to start up, and a mail route from Parral to this point, will soon be opened.

Out-stations.

Corral de Piedras. Notwithstanding the help of the young men from Parral there is not so much interest in the meetings as there should be, and

when the brethren are left alone, no services are held at all. The school teacher who helped them so much a year ago, left early in the year, and the present teacher does nothing in theline of Christian work. At Christmas, festivities were held on a large scale, and a great many attended the services before and after, as well as on Christmas Eve. The fact is to be deplored, however, that the Roman Catholic cantata of the "Pastores", which was given at the time, had much to do with the attendance.

In Las Cuevas, the helper, Eugenio Rodriguez, has done good faithful work, though not many new recruits have been made. In January, two Jesuit missionaries from the U.S. visited the place, coclecting some $1800, mainly in marriage fees exacted from those who had been married years before by the civil law, and succeeded in stirring up the people to acts of persecution and fanaticism. Several of the church members were challenged by the Jesuits to public debate, but on their acceptance, some excuse was always invented by the Jesuits, to prevent the discussion from taking place. As one result of this persecution, perhaps, the members have been brought nearer together, their differences and anomosities have been forgotten, and harmony and peace have prevailed to a greater degree than before for several years.

El Potrero has been yoked with Las Cuevas, and has been visited, with more or less regularity , by the helper there. The meetings are attended quite generally by the people of the ranch, and there have been a few conversions. The brethren conduct services themselves every Sunday.

Piedra Alumbre. This ranch has been visited but twice during the year and at present has but one Protestant family, the others having moved away. The neighboring ranches are very liberal however, so that the field ought to be worked.

San Quintin or Cuevacillas is another ranch where 3 Protestant families keep up regular services, and invite others in, especially when any one from Parral visits them.

San Ignacio and Guadalupe, 65 miles to the west, are still promising points, though the brethren are rather discouraged by the lack of someone to lead the meetings. In La Cueva, where much fanaticism has been shown in the past, there is now a disposition to listen to the Gospel. Meetings were largely attended on a recent visit.

The missionary has been unable to visit Dolores during the year, though he hopes to go soon. Good work was done by the student last vacation, and

roughout the year, regular services are held on Sunday.

Zaragoza. In spite of the fact that the brethren have been left alone is past year, with the exception of four visits made by the missionary, the last in company with Miss Olds. church has held its own. One room of their building was finished early the year, and has served them for a meeting place, and this last month succeeded in erecting the pillars, putting on the roof, and leaving the ilding well on the road towards completion. It is hoped that it will be co mpleted and dedicated in June. The help of $100 granted by the Mission couraged them greatly so that the rest of the funds needed have been raised ince January a good deal of fanaticism has been manifested, provoked by new priest. The authorities, however, are friendly, and the members eadfast. The Southern Chihuahua District Conference met here in March, d the meetings stimulated and encouraged the brethren, and interested seva al others, whom we hope may be converted.

- Prepared by A. C. Olds.

Report of the Parral School.

We have been encouraged this year by the attendance of children from families who are not members of our congregation and who have never shown interest in our school before. At the beginning of the year the average attendance was remarkably good and we thought seriously of enlarging our school room, but on account of sickness and the moving away of several families our numbers have been small these last months.

In November our school, with others in town, adopted the Savings Bank System, Interest has been kept up better than we had thought probable at the beginning. Parents have been ready to help their children and many a cent, that otherwise would have been foolishly spent, has been put away for the Monday morning entry. It is to be hoped that this thought of saving today for tomorrow may be so grounded in the children that the future generation of parents

ber than ever before.

will have better and more advanced ideas of saving and economizing their small earnings, than the present generation seems to have.

Besides the regular assistant, Francisca Porras, in the primary department, we have had the help of Concepcion Morales for half a day for several weeks. She is paid with tuition received from English speaking children. Concepción was in the Chihuahua school three years, and would have graduated this year if she had returned. She wished a year of practice in teaching before finishing her course but was disappointed in finding work as she expected. She will return to Chihuahua next year. We will miss her as she has been a great help to us in all church services and Christian work.

Soon after our last Conference Jesusita Montoya came home from Batopilas where she had been assisting Miss Burris in school. In September after months of suffering she passed away. She had been a pupil in this school almost from its beginning, was one of the first graduates of the Chihuahua school. With several

years of practice in teaching and so many years of preparation that we feel that the school work, at least, has lost a valuable helper. Her life was consecrated to Christ and was ready and willing to go where she thought he called her.

The tuition received from Mexican parents during the year has been sufficient to pay for a good bookcase, stove and globe for the school.

With no boarders, no music pupils and no classes out of school hours, I find I have more time for visiting than ever before.

I was pleasantly surprised a few days ago when a mother asked if her boy could continue in school the coming year. As he is old enough to work and the family is poor I had taken for granted that this would be his last year in school. He is a good promising boy and all the family are anxious to have him continue

ber than ever before.

his studies although with sacrifices on their part. Not all our people appreciate their school privileges as we think they ought and a little interest manifested by parents or pupil is often very encouraging.

Nellie C. Prescott.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOLS.

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Owing to the prolonged absence of Miss Hammond, the committee has practically consisted of only two members.

Having no report from the school in El Fuerte and no opportunity to visit it, we can say little about it, further than to express pleasure at the promising opening, and regret that Miss Miller's health should cause its suspension.

The school in Batopilas was also closed after only two months of the year covered by our report had passed, Miss Burris being held at Chihuahua to take the place of Miss Hammond. As a desire has been manifested for its re-opening, we would recommend the careful consideration of the matter, with the hope that it might be re-eopened nearly, if not quite, on a self-sustaining basis.

The school in Guadalajara has been following its new course of study with apparent success. The attendance has been smaller than usual, owing largely to the opening of a school in San Miguel, thus holding a number of girls there who had been inmates of the school. In this way the school in the village has been a kind of a department of the other and for that reason, ten dollars a month has been paid the teacher from the appropriation for the school.

The school in El Paso seems to have had an unusually successful year in many ways; the number of pupils being large, and their work and general character good. Your committee would recommend a change of matron, and the release of the boys from work in the kitchen or laundry We could wish that the way might be opened to the re-establishment of the department of manual training, but think it unwise to take its place by work that, aside from being distasteful, runs contrary to deed seated prejudices. We appreciate Mr. Wright's patient endurance under trying conditions and in surmounting serious obstacles; and would wish to see him granted the help that he feels that he needs, can the way be found to meet the expense.

Chihuahua school is grateful for the changes and improvements in its premises, especially the introduction of bath-room and water-closets, thus removing what was both a nuisance and a menace to health. The present number, 27, is greater than ever before, (taxing the dormitory accommodation to the utmost) and shows the necessity of further enlargement if the school is to grow. This increase in the number of internas has been made possible only through increase in the amount contributed by parents and friends of the pupils. A very harmonious spirit has prevailed, and excellent work has been done both by the teachers (two Americans and two Mexicans, besides two other Mexicans who have taught for a few hours each week), and the pupils. Cases of sickness have been very few.

The school in Parral has continued its work on the usual lines, caring for boys as well as girls, and it would not part with the former except with great reluctance. It is worthy of note that special pressure has been brought to bear upon the parents of pupils to secure the payment of tuition, securing a favorable response from a greater number than ever before.

Your committee would recommend, for the sake of facilitating the work of the teachers in preparing reports, and to make it easier ofr the committee to compare the same items in different schools, that uniform blanks be prepared and used in all the different schools of the Mission.

Signed, J. Howland.
J. D. Eaton.

Mexico Mission.
Year ending Mar. 31, 1900

Chihuahua and Out-Stations.

Chihuahua.— A review of the year past, leads us to "thank God and take courage." While there is nothing of extraordinary importance to record, we see clear evidence of spiritual life in the church, and of healthy growth in its different departments.

At five of the six communion seasons, new members have been received on confession of faith, twelve in all, and five more by letter.

The paid services of one of the deacons, Señor Julián Sánchez, as assistant pastor, have been continued; and the monthly reports of his personal work, which are presented to the church in writing, and which include mention of the more important events in our congregational life, are instructive and stimulating. He leads a neighborhood meeting every Sunday afternoon, and has placed fifteen subscriptions to Christian periodicals amongst the prisoners in the penitentiary, besides a goodly number of copies of Scriptures in the hands of the same. From these prisoners at two different times, the missionary has received anonymous letters containing money, in small amounts, "to be invested for the love of Christ."

The matter of self-support is still kept well to the front, the cultos de ofrendas alternating with the Lord's Supper; and the programs for these occasions (prepared by the natives themselves) show considerable variety, embracing, as they do, essays, readings, and Biblical exercises, and participated in by old and young. Always impressive is the closing act, when from all parts of the house, as if moved by one impulse, men, women and children rise from their seats and come forward to lay their offerings upon the table. When the coins have all been counted and heaped upon the plate, this is lifted up before the congregation by one of the deacons with a prayer to the Giver of all that He would be pleased to accept and use these offerings.

The payment of monthly subscriptions also continues, and the usual weekly plate collections. Besides these, there are frequent special subscriptions, as for Christmas, illuminating the church edifice, on the 15th and 16th of September, paying a bill for printing, helping a needy person or congregation, etc. The most important of these was the intro-

duction of the electric light into our building last June, at an expense (including the deposit for the value of the meter) of about $300.00. Of this, $186.00 was subscribed by the natives, who themselves proposed the innovation, and undertook the raising of funds for the purpose. The total of contributions for the year by the Mexican church is nearly $600.00.

Attendance at Sunday-School has increased, the average for the past six months having been 133, while, for the corresponding period one year ago, it was 109. And doubtless there has been also improvement in the character of the work done, since the teachers' meetings have been sustained with unabated interest.

During two days in October, was held a successful convention of Sunday-Schools, Epworth Leagues and Christian Endeavor Societies, with a goodly number of delegates from out of town; and a District Union was organized, to hold its next meeting in El Paso, Texas.

(4)[2] About a year ago there was organized a Senior Christian Endeavor society, which

has been helpful in making some of the members of the church feel an increasing sense of responsibility for sustaining the prayer-meetings. The society sent two delegates to the national convention in San Luis Potosí, 775 miles distant, one of them paying his own expenses; and its elegant banner of embroidered green silk, with gold fringe and brass standard, attracted attention. This color was chosen because the banner of the Junior Society is red, and that of the Young People is white; so the three, together present the national tricolor. The other two societies also sent delegates; and all who had attended the Convention made reports to the church which aroused much enthusiasm.

Woman's Work.

(4) In quiet persistency in well-doing, in constancy at religious services, in sustaining their own weekly meeting, in ordering their households aright, in training their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, in visiting their

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neighbors and reading to them the Bible, in distributing tracts, and in working with their hands, so as to have wherewith to minister to others' good and to support their Church, the women have shown forth their love to the Master throughout the year past.

One woman, herself "snatched as a brand from the burning", has, for more than a year, accompanied her husband every Sunday to the house of a relative to hold a meeting with the family, the number having been at times as many as sixteen. As a result, they have the joy of seeing all the family, married sons and daughters, trusting in the Lord, and the old father a candidate to be received into the Church. Another good woman, burdened with family cares, has yet made it a rule to devote Sunday afternoon to tract-distributing, going out from 200 to 300 tracts weekly. Amongst the crowds congregated about the circus, the bull fight or the merry-go-round, she has found those who gladly took and read them, as also among the soldiers, and those confined in the prison.

About the fall of this year, was started

an Aid Society, by these same women, who meet every Tuesday afternoon for two hours before the prayer-meeting, and mend or make over socks and stockings, dresses and boys' suits; or sew rags for mats that are woven by a member of the congregation. The Society is well named an Aid Society, for it has been an aid in teaching the women themselves many useful things, in giving them good clothing at reasonable prices, in helping very poor families outside of the congregation with clothing; and, besides, it was able to help the sufferers by flood, in Palopilas, to the amount of $5.00, and will have quite a sum with which to help the church in self-support.

Perhaps a word should be added in regard to the Union Services in English, which are held every Sunday at 4 P.M., and which have been sustained, with few interruptions, since the beginning of the mission in this city. Although such work for foreign residents is not embraced within the purposes of the American Board, it has not seemed right to neglect entirely the spiritual welfare of our countrymen who are coming to make their homes here in ever-increasing numbers, and whose sympathy for, and co-operation in, our main work, it has seemed to be very important to secure so far as possible.

It is hoped that the time may not be far distant, when a way shall be found to shepherd properly these scattered sheep that have come from so many different folds. Here there come society, or individual friends, ready to furnish a little aid at the first, such as is usually given to new enterprises in the United States, there is scarcely a doubt that in a year or two we might have here a vigorous American church supporting its own pastor.

One year ago, indeed, we organized a "Union Evangelical Society", which holds monthly socials, and draws some persons to church services. It has recently sent $25.00 in gold to the American Board.

Batopilas. — Work has gone on without interruption under Sr. Ignacio M. López: but less has been done for self-support than during the previous year, owing to a reduction of operations by some of the mining companies. Nevertheless a bell has been obtained for the rented chapel, partly with help from other churches; and some money has been collected for the purchase of a lot.

About two months ago the town met with a disaster, in the form of an inundation which left about fifty families homeless. Some of our brethren there distinguished themselves by heroic efforts to save life and rescue property, during the long night of peril; and when a gift of $26.00 in aid of the sufferers, (contributed by about forty different persons of the Chihuahua

congregation) was received, the distant church was deeply moved, "more so perhaps than by the disaster itself," wrote the pastor.

An interesting feature is the carrying on of a Sunday School for the prisoners in the jail, who ordered at their own expense the Providence Lesson Pictures for the year.

Cusihuiriáchic. — As this mining-town has continued in a state of decadence, so that the brethren have nearly all been scattered to other places, and the mission property could not be rented for enough even to keep it in a good state of repair, an offer from a local merchant, of two-thirds of the purchase price, was accepted, by the advice of impartial business men, and the premises sold for $2,000.00

C. Guerrero. — Sr. Ibáñez has continued through-the-year with encouragement, notwithstanding temporary opposition to his efforts in behalf of self-support, which was created by an individual who came from an independent mission in California, and said that

it was anti-biblical to pay a man for preaching the gospel, to use an organ in the singing, etc. The brethren are particularly happy over the recent opening of a private school by one of the pupils from the Chihuahua College, who lives with the preacher's family, but for whose work a good room fronting on the plaza has been provided by a man, who has heretofore been considered an enemy of Protestantism, but who is anxious to secure educational advantages for his children.

In Rancho Colorado largely attended meetings have been held, and some thirty adherents are counted there.

In Malachia is another private school, taught by a graduate of our Colegio, who conducts a Sunday-School with enthusiasm and good results.

Jiménez.— Congregations continue small. Yet a large number of religious periodicals are circulated by Sr. Hernández, who faithfully visits also Sta. Rosalía and Villa López, and distributes many tracts

among the passengers when he is on the rail-road train. He expects the Lord to bless this seed-sowing, and to give the fruits in their season.

In Jimenez in August last, some two hundred people were drawn together to see the lantern views and hear the explanations in the language of Scripture. In Sta. Rosalia, for two nights in succession, about one hundred were so gathered, of whom not more than half a dozen were Protestants; and there was eager inquiry as to when more views would be given. In San Andrés, fifty miles west from Chihuahua on the new railroad, the views were given for two nights to a company of nearly one hundred persons, of whom not one was known to be a Protestant. For the second night, the Roman Catholic hostess, in whose large sala the views were given, draped in white the table which held the apparatus, saying that as the pictures were so "sacred" it was appropriate to make for them an altar. At the close of the exhibition a poor man came to the missionary, saying that he had not the

means suitably to express his appreciation, but that he begged the acceptance of a little offering from his family, and modestly handed over two silver quarter dollars. A moment later another man came and did the same.

Mina Vieja. — This is a mining camp situated five leagues to the east of Chihuahua, where several of our church members live, who take a goodly number of Christian papers, and conduct a Sunday-School, using the Providence Picture roll. The lantern slides were presented here, also, for two nights, for the first time. The plan had been to give them in a large cave, where several families live; but as there were found to be five cases of small-pox there, we were obliged to hang the screen on the outer wall of a brother's adobe hut; and there, with the stars above us and the lofty heights shutting us in on every side, we went over the old, old story, at intervals singing the hymns that flashed out before the eyes of many an eager listener. Some weeks later it was known that these pictures

had brought inquirers to the house of Deacon Gonzales.

5 On the field covered by this report, there ~~have been~~ were received in payment for religious publications of all sorts, some $375.00. This does not include, however, the copies of Scripture put in circulation, viz., 143 Bibles, 69 Testaments, and 104 Gospels, for which $115 were received, making a total of $490.00. Also, a great many school-books and miscellaneous publications have been sold, especially in Guerrero, where there is no book-store, except the depository of the Mission, and in Chihuahua, where there is an increasing demand for methods for learning English.

Early in the year the work of preparing a new edition of the "Manual de los Principios, Doctrinas y Usos de las Iglesias Congregacionales" was completed; and copies have been ordered by workers in California, Florida, Cuba and Puerto Rico, besides a moderate number sold to individuals of other denominations in Mexico.

Chihuahua, Mar. 29, 1900

James D. Eaton

Report of the "Colegio Chihuahuense" for 1899 and 1900.

Since the meeting of the Mission in El Paso, one year ago, our School has had the pleasure of seeing another trio go forth as teachers. It would be almost impossible for any who had not worked with and watched the career of these three girls for the last five years to realize what it meant for them to have finished this course. All three have received both board and tuition for a part of that time. One of them had lived with her mother, in the city, for the last two years, in a "room" which could scarcely be called a "home", where were huddled together the four or five members of the family, in the midst of whom she had to do her evening class preparation work; oftentimes by the dim light of a little candle, and always under circumstances which would have discouraged many a student. We cannot but feel whenever we think of her, that God has given her to this Mission work, in answer to prayer. Her Mother had little or no interest in her education, and did not hesitate to demand her services at home, with sufficient frequency to make it, at times, almost impossible to keep up with her class. All these circumstances of her life had made it

impossible for her to have the Normal-class practice in the Primary Department, which is required of the Senior class, so that she felt she would prefer to assist another, than to have the responsibility of a School. And it has been a great satisfaction to her and to us that she could be with Miss Prescott in Parral. Another of the three has been supported by Mrs Eaton's church in Mt. Clair, N. J.; a very earnest christian girl, who was "spoken for" to teach in Matachic, even before the School year closed; we have continued to have good reports of her. She has had a small Sabbath School every Sunday, and while she has had no one to help her in this christian work, she has done all she could in the way of teaching the Truth, and endeavoring to let her light shine. Her letters, written after she first reached Matachic, were quite "toyching", as she referred to the "home-sick feeling" she has had when-ever she stops to think that she has gone forth from this School, which has been more than home to her, never to return as a pupil. We feel sure that if the christian friends in the North who have educated her, could see what an earnest christian worker she is, they would feel proud of and thankful for such fruit, and stimulated to work for more of the same kind. The "Christian Endeavor

Society here, of which she is a member has recently done a little "Home-Mission" work, by contributing money for the "International S.S. Lesson Chart" for her S.S. in Matachic. This has led the other members of our School to take a deeper interest in the christian work of that village, because of their love for her. Some of the day pupils who are not members of the C. E. Soc. brought small offerings towards the chart. The third one of the class has been supported by the ladies of Miss Dunning's church in Bound Brook in N. J. and has proved herself a most promising christian worker. She was married to one of the El Paso students a week from the day of her graduation, and went with her husband to the State of Sonora, where she has had a small school, in addition to her church work in La Colorada.

After the close of School, Miss Burris, who had taken charge, during the absence of Miss Hammond, left for a year's furlough in the States. The members of this station have appreciated her earnest work, particularly her willingness to change all her plans for returning to Batopilas, on so short a notice, when it was found that Miss H. could not return as was expected.

The new School year opened the first of Oct. The number of pupils enrolled up to the present time is 77. There were 85 enrolled during the calendar year of 1899. There have

been twenty-one boarders. Ten of the day-pupils have taken their dinners at the school, for which they pay two dollars ($2.00) a month. The Kindergarten Department, under Miss Dunning's care, has had twenty-six boys and girls, and there have been more manifestations of appreciation on the part of the parents, than in previous years. The first two Primary classes are now composed, almost entirely of those who have been in the Kindergarten, and the difference in degree of intelligence between these and those who have not had that training is very perceptible. Three of our boarding and three day pupils have united with the church during the year. We are still working toward self-support; have not received any day-pupils this year who do not pay something although several pay only a "medio" a week.

It has seemed best not to graduate a class this year, as all the members of the senior class are younger than they have averaged here-to-fore, and need more practical experience.

Soon after the opening of the school in Matachic, Dr. Michol who supports it wrote to know if we could furnish a teacher for Guerrero. This offered an opportunity for one of them, so the eldest was chosen. It was pleasant to see the courage with which she entered into the new undertaking, that of opening the first evangelical school, which she knew could not be supported by

the Mission. She was the first one to go forth in this way, without knowing whether or not, enough money would be forthcoming to meet the necessary expenses.
In a short time she was chosen Supt. of the "Junior Endeavor Soc." She has also had charges of the Weekly Woman's Meeting.

In December our teachers and older pupils availed themselves of an unexpected opportunity to take a course of "Physical Culture" under Dr. Hastings of the University of Nebraska.
Our Library has had quite a number of gifts, and continues to be a great blessing to our home and school. The Spanish Encyclopedia is not yet complete, but we have had four new volumes this year.
Miss Garza who had been the second Mexican Assistant teacher for two years, did not return as she was then expecting to be married during the Winter. Miss Perez the first graduate of our Guadalajara school, came to take her place, and although it has been an entirely new experience to her, she has shown much perseverance in over-coming difficulties, and has done excellent work with her classes.

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ANNUAL REPORT, El Paso Station, Mexico Mission
for the year ending March 31st, 1900.

In church work this has been a year of marked advance in some respects. Two new church buildings have been dedicated, that in El Paso, costing about $2,200 gold, with lots and furniture, and the one in El V. de S. Buenaventura, erected by one man, and at a cost which can only be roughly estimated, but may be considered to be worth $1500 Mexican silver.

In El Paso the church attendance has increased, averaging 150 at S.S., and 100 at preaching services now. Eleven new members have been received; the S.S. is well organized and doing excellent work; the C.E. and Junior C.E. Societies hold their services regularly with good attendance, and the women's meetings have been sustainedd with great profit during the whole year. ~~Two of our members have been granted letters to join the new "Independent" church here, but it does not now seem probable that any others will follow them.~~ The number of young people attending our services with considerable regularity is a most encouraging feature. During the absence of the missionary for three months in the summer, one of the students, Federico Ponce, supplied his place both here and in C. Juárez with great acceptance and fidelity. The church was greatly encouraged and aroused by the three days of special services conducted by el Sr. Don Arcadio Morales, of Mexico City, and several persons were converted.

In C. Juárez there is nothing new to report. The attendance

s small, but services have been held regularly, led, for the most
art, by the three students of the first class, each being in charge
or a month at a time. There have been no additions to the church,
it the few brethren who live there continue faithful.

In El V. de San Buenaventura, which has been added to this
ield, there have been ~~xxxxx~~ eleven received to the church, and although
hey have had no preacher, the have kept up the S.S. regularly, and the
.E. Society, although not so actively as could be desired. The breth-
en are scattered so widely that it is difficult to get them together
o regular services. While it would be of great advantage for them to
ave a preacher there, I do not feel like recommending the sending of
ne at present, hoping that the brethren may ultimately be aroused to
he need of one sufficiently to do something in the way of his support.

On the way to this field the missionary has had to go through
Nueva Casas Grandes, a new town in which the larger part of the inhab-
itants are Americans. By request of the Gen. Manager of the Sierra
Madre y Pacifico R.R., and of the people there, services in English
were begun at that place in June, and have been continued, with the
aid of Mr. Stutson, about once a month since that time. A S.S. has
been organized which is exerting an excellent influence. One visit has
also been made to las minas de San Pedro, and a good opening for work
found there among both Americans and Mexicans, if a suitable place for
services can be secured.

The Training School finished its year last May, with satis-

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actory results. The three students of the advanced class were em-
loyed, one in El Paso and C. Juárez, another en Zaragoza, in Mr. Olds' Paul
ield, and the third in the Sahuaripa district in Mr. Wagner's Hermosillo field.

The opening of the school after vacation was delayed one month
y the uncertainty in regard to the re-enforcement expected, and so
ook place the first of October. The coming of Rev. H.H.Stutson to
ur aid filled us with new hope, and he has been both helpful and
aithful in the varied lines of work which have been open to him.
he mission had instructed us to secure a new matron, and the going of
r. Carrasco necessitated the finding of a new Mexican assistant.
fter much search, fervent prayer, and as full consultation with other
embers of the mission as seemed practicable, everything pointed to
he choice of Mr. Sebastián Hernández as teacher, and his wife as
atron, as a very happy solution of the problem. The mission has
een informed by letter of the failure of these plans, and the sus-
ension of the lower classes of the school on account of serious dif-
iculty arising between Mr. Hernández and the students. While Mr.
ernández' demands on the students were, in the main, entirely proper,
nd no complaint is made against his character or intentions, it is
very evident that he cannot succeed in this position.

Since the first of February, only the first class, consist-
ing of three students, has been continued. They all desire to have
as much as one year more of study, and I would recommend that they be
iven it if a way can be provided.

A. R. Wright

Mexico Mission.

Annual Report — Puerto, 1899–1900.

We are permitted to look back upon the year's work now closing in Puerto as being, in some respects, the best we have seen there. Change was foreshadowed, and in God's providence the church has been prepared for this. Trial, affliction, in which the church has shared, has been a means of knitting us together, and, at the same time, of teaching both them and ourselves that no human presence is essential to any of us, and that Christ is sufficient for all our need.

During our absence, following last annual meeting, our brother Jesus Valencia and wife were in charge of the work in Puerto. Sorrow came to them in that time in the death of their infant child.

An event in the life of the church, and in the work of the district, was the visit and labor of our associate, Mr. Howland, last November. The brethren were taught and strengthened, our own souls were quickened, and impressions were made thruout the field, as is evidenced by frequent remark and inquiry since.

The additions to church membership since our last general report have been four (4) in number; and one (1) member has been restored, on confession and return to the gospel way, and one other stands acknowledged

as a candidate. The total membership since org
zation in 1893 is thirty-four (34); of whom four
have been ~~translated~~ called home, one transferred by letter, and
name still ~~stands~~ remains erased for disorderly life, lea
the present membership at twenty-eight (28).

Contributions.

Our statistical report for '99 records: Total m
contributions, $71.27, this being $16.70 for church and
gregational expenses, $16.96 for Home & Foreign Mis
and $37.61 for education. This latter sum ($37.61)
ever, was very largely secular and quite apart
any sympathy with things evangelical. During t
quarter now closing the church contributions h
amounted to about $10.00. There is also seen
entire willingness to pay such personal dues
for S.S. quarterlies and church manuals.

~~Touring~~ (Batopilas)

Touring began with the trip to Batopilas in
and has been pushed hard ever since. The ch
in Batopilas seems to be progressing well, so f
could be judged by a visit of a few days, alm
exclusively occupied with the special meetings of
conference. We were again impressed with t
desirability of having both the annual visit and
correspondence thruout the year in the hands

one same missionary, he thus being much better informed as to the work going on. And furthermore, the time of a conference does not seem to be the most favorable for such special work as a visiting missionary should hope to do. The scope and use of the term "candidate" is a subject that seems to need elucidation. Some of our native brethren are disposed to take the word in very nearly its civic sense, such as would permit any person to become a candidate for church membership, merely by nominating himself as such.

Five were received to membership at that time.

The conference, in which four brethren from Dolores and our associate from Fuerte assisted, was in itself an occasion of much interest.

The general interest in the preaching throughout the district continues about as before. In some places the world's opposition, seen in gaming, drunkenness &c, has increased. In others the message is heeded more and more. The circumstances of the closing months have seemed to impress not only the church but also a large number of friends in all parts. One of the more thoughtful of these said to me quite recently: 'The best sermon you could preach is, the way you are

enabled to bear this trial.

Scriptures. Some fifteen (15) copies of the Scriptures have been posed of during the year, nearly all by sale.

Helper. Since September our associates, Jesus Valencia and wife, at Aguacaliente, 25 miles east of Puerto, where a congrega some 30 or more has been maintained. The location is also able for longer or shorter excursions to many other points, during a part of the time the helper has shown activity in work, and has had a considerable hearing. They came to at our request, on the 15th of February, and are occupying premises and continuing the work where it has been long tablished.

Change. We have already noted that the church has been prepared fo change now taking place in the instruments used in work. The circumstances of trial have not only ha the change; they have also prepared the minds of all helped to reconcile them to the change. Furthermore, pains has been taken for months past, to lead the to feel that they can and must, by prayer, take a in the matter of the finding of those who are to come to and that, having thus borne the whole matter before in prayer, expecting his guidance and ~~direction~~ bl it naturally follows that, when the messengers ar

the church ~~will~~ should receive them as the messengers of God, sent in response to many prayers, theirs and others; — receive them as brethren, in a spirit of mutual helpfulness, for the work in which all must share. And while we are glad of such measure of cordiality as may exist between the church and the native helper, we also know there is a strong desire that our successor may come, and that soon.

Let me add: we venture to think that this matter of a reasonable preparation of the mind of church and people, ~~for~~ considered in itself and alone, has quite justified our return to Mexico last September, even aside from all other service rendered in these closing months.

And now, brethren, we commend this work in confidence to the Master, and under him, to you. At first we looked with dread to the time of separation from our people. With the months, however, our own duty became more unmistakable, and the decision of the Board to send another family as soon as possible took a great load off our mind. And there has been a gracious, leading, step-by-step in the preparation, and a new realization, on their part as well as ours, of what our blessed Gospel is to us, who are followers of Christ, for life and for — Life (not death!); and so both they and we

stand stronger than we did, standing in Him, well assu
that we shall yet again see eye to eye.

Henry M. Pizzel

Puerto, March 17, 1900.

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Report of Visit to the "El Fuerte" Station,

Arriving in El Fuerte on Wednesday, the first of November, services were held every night until the following Sunday, with audiences varying between twenty and thirty-five.

Monday morning, we started on bicycles toward the northeast, visiting ten places and holding services in four of them. Nearly three hundred people attended these services, as in two places there were at least a hundred in the audience and seventy-five in another. In the fourth ranch we arrived unexpectedly, and there seem to have been other special reasons which resulted in the attendance of only about a dozen instead of the fifty or more who have often been present in Mr. Bissell's services there. This trip covered nearly every point included in two circuits that Mr. Bissell takes, spending four and five days respectively. The furtherest point of each circuit is about twenty miles from El Fuerte. For various reasons, it was decided that we should not visit Choix, the principal point in a third circuit of four places, of which the furtherest is forty-five miles away.

Returning to El Fuerte, an extra service was held Saturday and a social gathering on Monday as a "despedida".

The following morning we started in the "road-wagon", south and west. Ten places were visited, services being held in seven, with a total attendance of about two hundred and fifty, the largest number being eighty and the smallest six. In this trip we reached the principal points in another circuit, which includes fourteen places in which services have been held.

about two weeks are usually spent in making th
circuit. In the two trips, services were held, with o
single exception, in open porches (here called "po
tales") most of them in front of the buildings. At t
first place visited, about forty children were pre
who were quite restless and noisy, but with that exce
tion, the audiences were generally quiet and attent
some of them noticeably serious. In one village,
service was held in the school-room, and the peop
were summoned by tres llamadas on the public

Mr. Bissell has still another circuit, more dire
south, including five places and occupying five day

In recument, during the nineteen days spent o
field, twenty-one services were held, in twelve differ
points, with a total attendance of about eight hundr
and fifty, of whom nearly six hundred were diffe
persons; seventy miles were traveled on bicycles (exce
when we walked!) and one hundred and seventy-
in the wagon. In connection with the services, near
twenty sales were made of Bibles, portions, or evang
books.

Mr. Bissell has told the Mission about his field o
different occasions, but a few words about it fro
another may help in understanding the situat

The "field" proper, omitting Alamos in Sonora
and Batopilas in Chihuahua, comprises the El F
political district, lying across the northern end
State of Sinaloa, consisting almost exclusively o
valley of the El Fuerte river. The district has th
three thousand inhabitants. The upper part of t
valley is rocky and largely wooded, the lower
alluvial and extremely fertil. Services have b

ld in about forty places and are still held in most of
them, as opportunity offers to visit them. Aside from
Olamos and Batopilas, Mr. Bissell has five circuits,
hich together occupy about six weeks. Since September,
ans Valencia and wife have been at Agua Caliente, with
e expectation that he will attend to a larger part of two
these circuits. Circumstances have combined to give
me real excuse for his not having carried out this plan
therto; but it is to be feared that he will find it very
fficult to come to the point of actual, effective and
gular visitation of the different points for which he
responsible.

There are only three priests in the district, with six or
ght churches, most of them in a more or less ruinous
ndition. There has been absolutely no attempt at work
other denominations, and there is not likely to be any
uble on that account for a long time to come, unless
e Mission neglects the work.

The people in general seem to me to be fairly intelli-
nt, as compared with those of other parts of the country,
although educational facilities, such as schools,
ws-papers and religious instruction are much in-
ior to those of many other sections. As compared with
se further south, the people seem to me to be more stolid,
gically stronger, but less active; possessed of more
uniary means, but content to suffer greater limi-
tion and even privation. Religiously, leaving out
account the pure Indians, who are blind, stubborn
manists, there seems to be an almost universal tole-
nce of all beliefs, passing, in the case of the majority,
indifference, and in many to pronounced hostility
all forms of religion. It seems to me, however, that
uld Rome organize and prosecute her efforts

here, as she is doing in many other points of the
public, she would be found to have a much mo
general and firmer hold on the people than sh
generally believed to possess; and that the willing
and even eagerness to hear the Gospel would be
diminished were the people persistently exhorted
abstain and warned against all contact with
"heretics".

Aside from the gathering of the El Puerto chur
the Gospel has, it seems to me, been preached to
people, during these eight years, than in any other
of the field. and I doubt if there is another section
the whole country where so many persons are a
cessible as here. Mr. Bissell is known and respecte
all through the district, and rarely finds any diff
culty in securing a place for service and, in man
places, he is always entertained gratuitously. N
having been such an opportunity from the firs
probably all of us have wondered a little that mo
have not been gathered into the church. It will h
to understand this to remember that the hot an
rainy season make it practically impossible to p
cute the itinerant work during four months
the year. Attendance at Annual Meeting take
another month, so that there are, really, only seve
months when this work can be done. This would
less than four visits to each place in the year
if he could spend his time uninterruptedly
touring, which, as can easily be seen, is not alw
practicable. Three or four ~~services per year~~
with no other religious opportunities, can do
toward preparing people like these for proper
joining the church. Indeed, it is surprisin

hat so much has been done. There seems to me to
ave been such preparation made, that progress
ill be likely to be more apparent in the future. While
Mr. Bissell directs his supreme effort towards secur-
ing the personal surrender to Christ as Saviour and
Teacher, he is also making definite and persistent efforts
in public speaking and private conversation to obtain
a pledge to the daily reading of the word of God and
to prayer, and to encourage to meeting together
for Bible study and prayer. While no one who
has not visited the different places can under
stand the many peculiar difficulties, I believe
that, gradually, it may be possible to form defi-
nite groups that shall meet regularly as a
Sunday School, a Christian Endeavor Society or
at least, informally, as a band of truth-seekers
forming thus a nucleus for a truly "congregational"
and self-supporting church.

Only about six months remain before the
time when the Bissells expect to leave the country.
It seems to me that it would be a most grievous
mistake not to have some one on the field before
they leave. Their retirement puts serious problems
before the Mission at best, but the situation would be
much more distressing were the field left for a
time without direct oversight or in the care of
one of our helpers. Indeed, I can not but think
that to leave the present helper in charge of the
work would almost surely result in most serious
harm to the work and even more lamentable
effects upon him.

John Howland

Rio-Bamba, Sonora, Nov. 27, 1899.

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Report of E. L. Hicks & Rev. John Howland
Nov. 27, 1899

I have bracketed in pencil parts that should surely be omitted if there were any thought of using any of this for publication and indicated another section that might be at least doubtful.

J. H.

Statement of John Cleveland

GUADLJARA STATION.

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January Lst. 1899, to March 31st. 1900.

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The general work of the year presents no incidents of extraordinary interest, having continued along the same lines as before, though with widening opportunities and many things to encourage, mingled with some disappointments.

As indicated in the last report, it was decided to separate the classes in the Sunday School at the opening of the year; an American School being formed, with four classes and over thirty pupils. The hour was put at half-past nine, so as not to interfere with the Mexican School at a quarter before eleven. The American School has grown in every way, and has done an important work. On account of the multiplication of services, the morning sermon in Spanish has been omitted; more attention being given to the closing exercises of the Sunday School, and, latterly, all have remained for a quarter of an hour of prayer. Naturally, the removal of more than a fourth of the pupils and classes made a very marked difference in the appearance of the Sunday School, but we believe the step to have been a wise one, and attendance has increased, as well as enthusiasm and interest. At the services in general, attendance has not increased as we would wish. We are not wholly clear as to the causes: but, doubtless, the great multiplication of occupations has had much to do with it, making it extremely difficult to do as much pastoral work as the church needs. The dismission of nine members to form a new church in San Miguel, and deaths, more than balanced the number received; and besides, the church list has been purified by the removal of several who had shown themselves incorrigibly unwilling to fulfil their obligations.

A Local Union of Young Peoples' Societies was formed in March, at an interesting and helpful Convention held in our church. A second Convention was held with our church in Tlajomulco, in October, with increased spirituality and enthusiasm, and a still further advance was made at the Spring Convention, held with the Methodist South Church of this city. A third Christian Endeavor Society - an Intermediate - has been formed among the Mexicans, so that, with the two American societies, we have five connected with our church in the city. A number of our members attended the National Convention in San Luis Potosí, with marked benefit.

During a six-weeks' absence of the missionary, in October and November, visiting the Fuerte field, services were carried on by the brethren with reasonable satisfaction and success. The meetings for women have been sustained with interest and benefit.

The members of our church have suffered more than in the past from lack of work and consequent poverty and suffering. The movement in city improvement and Railway construction has brought a large influx of laborers from other parts, and Rome is becoming daily more active, systematic and bitter in

opposition and persecution. This has affected our church work, decreasing contributions, and interrupting attendance at services from lack of suitable clothing.

The work among the Americans, while rigorously held as aside from our real mission, has grown considerably in numerical strength and importance. Mr. Yearwood, who came to the city with the expectation of forming a Methodist (South) Church for Americans, and hoped to secure a central lot and erect a building, retired from the field in the early fall, to take a medical course. At their Conference in October, Mr. Cox, in addition to being presiding elder of the district, was appointed pastor of the "American congregation". They hold preaching services with communion once a month, and a Sunday School was begun early in the present year. The Union services, however, have better attendance than ever. This is due in part to the organization of a choir and to more effort on the part of friends. Now that lines of division have been drawn by others, it is probable that an undenominational church will be formed within the next few months, as there seems to be no doubt as to the need, or at least the opportunity, for such an organization, and there is a group of earnest workers available for the purpose. The Union Sunday School started to prepare a tree, last Christmas, but it grew to be, practically, a Colony affair, and over two hundred dollars were volunteered for gifts, decoration and illumination.

~~Our~~ The church edifice is opened at nine on Sundays, and closed only for two or three hours at noon, until nearly nine in the evening, as the six services occupy nearly the whole day; ~~but some at least are rather a recreation than an effort, and our~~ Sundays are more enjoyable than ever. Only one of the classes in the American Sunday School is directed by a missionary.

The Mission paper, "El Testigo", has received some improvements in the line of typography, illustration and arrangement, and seems to enjoy the appreciation of its readers. The combination with "El Esforzador" brought some new subscribers, but on the whole quite materially reduced the income. It was deemed unwise to accept the combination for the present year as being of no especial benefit to the new paper and an entanglement and loss to us. It having been learned that some of the supporters of "El Esforzador" consider our paper to be a competitor, the director would recommend the suspension of the prayer-meeting topics and indeed of the whole department of Christian Endeavor as a distinct section of the paper.

TLAJOMULCO.-- The church work has continued as usual. It was a pleasant testimony of respect and good-will when the pastor and the station missionary were given the places of honor in the program at the dedication of the town clock, in May. The Local Convention, in October, was an enjoyable and stimulating event. The forty persons who went from Guadalajara were entertained by the people and considerable interest and sympathy were awakened.

SAN MIGUEL.-- The greatest interest of the year has centered about ~~this place.~~ The school, which has been sustained from the first independently

of money from the Board, closed in July, with examinations and exercises that attracted much interest and approval. School opened in the Fall with Juana Venegas, a graduate of the Guadalajara school, as teacher: ~~Tomasa Pérez, the teacher during the previous school-year, going to Chihuahua.~~ Juana was interrupted by a serious illness, but has done and is doing a most important work. The people have not fulfilled all of their pledges of pecuniary support, ~~but are doing better in that respect than ever before.~~ A church was organized in October, nine taking letters from the church in Guadalajara, and fourteen being received on profession of their faith, two more coming in at the following communion. The people have kept up services very faithfully, Sunday School, Christian Endeavor and prayermeeting, whether any one from outside was with them or not: and there has been no defection nor loss of interest, though they have been less frequently visited than heretofore.

CITALA.-- the brethren have felt their isolation and lack of visitation; but the little Christian Endeavor Society has served as a rallying point, and the work progresses slowly. Three of the brethren walked to Guadalajara, a distance of about one hundred miles, to attend the Spring Convention, and returned with new animation.

AYO.-- The Christian Endeavor Society has served here also as the nucleus for the gathering of the brethren and friends, and we hope for the steady growth of the work there, on the same independent basis as in the other points.

Guadalajara, april 1900

John Howland

Report of Guadalajara School
for the Year ending Mar. 31, '00
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Report of Guadalajara School.

The school year ended the
st day of June 1899, fol-
owed on July third by
the graduation of two
bright girls, and pub-
lic examinations on
July fifth. The following
day one of the teachers
left for the north and
being granted an ex-
tension of the vacation
returned only in time
to reopen school the
twenty-eighth of Septem-
ber. Miss Hookins re-
mained in the city the
greater part of the va-
cation.

Josefa de la Mora re-
turned from her year's

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study in Springfield in June and began the primary classes in August. She has taken up her work again with much gratifying improvement. Her experiences in the States seem to have been a pleasant and helpful and we thank God for his leading and blessing.

Tomasa Perez closed first year's work in San Miguel very creditably, and we applied her to fill the vacancy in the teaching force in Chihuahua caused by the withdrawal of Miss Garcer. It prove

to be a very difficult position for one so inexperienced, but through the kind interest of Miss Sammond and the other members of the Chihuahua station we hope that she is becoming more efficient.

Juana Venegas was sent to fill the vacancy in San Miguel. Although serious illness interrupted her work there for three months, she has been very helpful both as teacher and in the newly formed church, and the school is at present doing well.

The other graduate is prevented by her father

from entering upon a
outside duties, but
through music, English
and Bible classes we st
keep in touch with he
and with her sister. T
constant attendance
the mothers' meeting
and frequent presen
at church encourage
us in our hopes for
final public confessi
of faith in Christ.

Christmas was again
observed in the scho
with a merry gather
of parents and child

The number enrolle
has been smaller th
year than ever befor
There had been so con
tinued and varied

complaints in regard to one of our assistant women that she has been at last kindly removed, although not until two of the boarding children had been taken out.

One new girl of seventeen has come to us from a near hacienda and promises to be one of our best students. Another girl of sixteen but very little developed has been sent to us by Mr. Vanderbilt from Morelia.

Mary J. Long.

Belle M. Haskins,

Guadalajara,
March 26, 1900.

Report of the Hermosillo station for the Annual Meeting, March 27/910.

Hermosillo. The work has continued here with steady progress. At the beginning of the year, there was some fear entertained that the organizing of an independent Mexican Church might effect our work. This however has not been the case as most of their members came from the M. E. South Church, Guaymas, and some of them have continued to attend our services and the work is harmonious.

(#)16 Many of our ~~people~~ presidents have gone to other towns and others have come. ~~We have~~ There now a goodly number of actually settled families which promise to give the work permanence and also an exhibition of Christianity in the family. Six different meetings are held weekly, including those of the C. E. Societies and the Womens' Meeting. The latter hold their meetings at the homes of the different women of the congregation. Their contributions for the year have been $18.00 of which they gave $12.00 to the Cumpas work. Collections are

(4)17 taken at all the different services and the congregation contributed during the year $302.00, thus paying their own expenses and send $150.00 to the work at Cumpas.

Eight persons have been received into church-membership and sixteen others are giving proof of conversion. The average sunday evening attendance during the last months has been about fifty. During the missionaries forty days absence to the towns in eastern Sonora, the people, with the exception of one week, carried on all the regular services. We were much encouraged some six months ago by ten men of the congregation taking the total abstinence pledge. Opportunities to do something for the work in the hospital, prison, and different parts of the town, have been improved, and neighboring towns have been visited.

La Colorada. Sr. Jesus Nava has charge of this work. The place can be reached by railroad and was visited seven times by the missionary. The pastor has received a good helpmeet through his marriage to Ciria Armendariz of the Chihuahua school. The home thus been able to exemplify the christian home, and his wife had a school for several months.

The work has been very changeable. There is a lack of harmony in the congregation, but we think peace is coming. At the same time the audience is generally good. Successful meetings have been held in the homes of the believers. Several have given evidence of conversion. The people paid during the year $100.00 toward the support of their preacher and raised some $250.00 for repairing the church and

the pastors residence. The total amount of money raised during the year was $413.00.

Chumpas. This outstation is in charge of Señor Alejandro Villa and about 150 miles horseback from Hermosillo. The missionary visited the field but once during the year. The brethren suffered a heavy loss through the destruction of their church edifice before it was finished. They had spent of their own money $460.00 besides considerable personal ~~work~~ labor. They have since repaired a large room which is at their service and answers well temporarily for their meetings.

As the stage of curiosity has passed, the attendance at some of the meetings has diminished. The members have however been faithful and some twenty five new ones are hoping to join the church. A C. E. society has been started with thirty five members. At some special services, the attendance has been exceedingly large, and protestantism is much better understood in general. The people are putting forth new efforts for a church building. They ~~are~~ desirous for a school and would no doubt pay all the expenses, or very nearly all, for a native Christian teacher. This would be a great help for the edification of the

rapidly gathered congregation.

The mexican preacher has also visited some of the neighboring towns. He lives a very consecrated and self denying life and for the amount of training received, has proved himself a very efficient worker.

Sahuaripa. This field is located about 200 miles, travelling on horseback, east of Hermosillo. The missionary visited it only once during the year, but has kept up a somewhat ~~continual~~ correspondence with believers in different towns. There is no worker occupying the field yet. Sr. Manuel Elias of the El Paso Training school worked here very acceptably during his last summer vacation. The people not only supported him but also spent some fifty dollars toward bringing him and returning him to school. However the work had a beginning through Sr. Blackly, a Bible agent, and in general has been mostly developed through the occasional visits of another Bible agent, Sr. F. Lorentino Pina, and what seems to have made the greatest impression was the little congregation that ~~so~~ humbly begun at La Mesita de Cuajari about three years ago. Through their faith and life believers have come out in other towns and their congregation has sent recruits to Hermosillo La Colorada, y Cumpas. This diminished their number, but the same spirit continues to win new ones.

Though none have been received to church membership, there are ~~some~~ about eighty adherents, scattered in ten distinct places within (40) forty miles of Salmaripa. At least twenty of these are ready for church membership. A sunday school has been started in three of the towns and a C. E. society in two of them, and in a few other places, the believers have occasional more informal services. ¶

Some of the ~~moral~~ intellectual and spiritual changes that have taken place here are notable. Some of those who could not read when converted are now able to do so well enough to lead meetings. ~~Several were converted from Spiritualism.~~ Two of the men formerly made and sold saints. Nearly all of them have taken a firm stand against the use of intoxicating liquors. Several who were formerly drunkards are now total abstainers and christians, and the whole community is realizing the power of the Gospel to save from sin those who believe and repent. ~~¶~~ Two men who had saloons a year ago shut down that business and now hold meetings at their homes. One of them was finally brought to this point through a tract sent him in a letter. After reading it, he vowed not collect old drink bills nor sell the stock on hand. ~~The pea~~

The people desire a preacher and toward the support of the student who served them are willing to pay $15.00 monthly if he returns. Their wish ought to be granted and a good travelling man be placed on the field to teach and examplify Christ.

We are thankful for the help received through the agents of the Bible society. Mr. Blochly spent a short time on the field, and Dr. Florentino Piña, the greater part of the year. The latter located bibles in several places which give much promise for our work. He still continues his good work in this field.

(4)2 "For our whole field we have reason to thank God for the way He has led the work. Though so many of the people in all the congregations are just beginning the christian life, they have given evidence of earnestness and steadfastness. The great material and modernizing influences taking place all over the state are bound to change romanism or its followers. To what extent this may effect the welfare of our cause directly is more doubtful.

The number of members received during the year is eight. There were four C.E. societies, and three sunday schools started. Evangelical literature was sold to the amount of $350.00. The congregations raised the sum of $1218.00 toward buildings and self support. We ask the great Shepherd to lead, feed, and nourish His flock.

Respectfully submitted
H. P. Wagner.

REPORT OF THE PARRAL FIELD, Mar. 31, 1900.

The year under review shows signs of real progress and growth in the rral field. However, we were very much discouraged during the summer nths. Certain members of the Parral Church became dissatisfied with the urse pursued by the Mission with regard to the holding of the title deeds the Memorial Church, which were ordered to be transferred to the Mission easurer. They forthwith set themselves to work to oppose the missionary d this breach was widened by proselyters, who came from abroad to work the interests of the so-called national or independent church, until sruption and disaster seemed imminent. This has been lived down, the oselyting has ceased, without the loss of any members, and for the past w months, unanimity and harmony have prevailed. There may be a few mbers still, who in common with the general feeling of jealousy of all ericans just now prevalent in the city, would like to have the Board ace its property in their hands, and have the American missionaries withd awn, not realizing that they have not yet reached the point where this uld be possible; but there is no open opposition any more, and the church working better than for some time.

26 members have been received during the year to the Parral Church, 2 Las Cuevas, and 4 to Zaragoza. 14 of the 32 have been received since nuary. The contributions for all purposes during the calendar year xxx ounted to $379. The sales of the Bookstore were $204, something more than e-half being for evangelical literature. Sales of Scriptures, without colporter, $25.

In October the Conference of churches for southern Chihuahua was held in rral, and was one of the best thus far held, in point of attendance and adiness in taking part in the discussions. There was no one present from tside the district, ~~so that the success of the meeting depended mainly upo the brethren themselves.~~ At this time the Christian Endeavor Societies into line with the plan proposed by the national Confederation rganized a local union for southern Chihuahua, the first to be or- d in the northern part of the Republic.

he city has continued to grow, and Americans to find homes here, we are better satisfied than ever that our services in English must be kept up, and if it were not for the necessity of spending many Sabbaths in the out-stations, the missionary would like to hold them every week.

American congregation has contributed $21 toward the church building umpas, Sonora, $12 to the work in Dolores, and $10 or more to miscella- s expenses in Parral. About 20 American children have been enrolled he English classes of our Sunday school.

OUT-STATIONS.

al de Piedras. As this point is only 7 miles distant from Parral, and no native helper, it has been visited frequently by the missionary, 10 s in all during the year. At the celebration of the Lord's Supper in uary, 10 persons were admitted as members of the Parral Church. Among , a man and woman proved their sincerity by presenting themselves re the authorities for civil marriage, though they had lived together an and wife for 25 years. The Sunday school here is better attended formerly and since January a committee from Parral has undertaken to some one occasionally to help carry it on.

Cuevas Seven visits have been made to Las Cuevas. The Annual Meeting of Church held in April was well attended, and showed the church to be better condition than before for years. 2 accessions have been made to Church, and in February 8 more persons were proposed as candidates embership. The helper has made some tours, one of which, across the r into Durango, being remarkably encouraging. Several ranches were ed, and everywhere much interest was manifested. As the Railroad, is rapidly being built south from Parral, passing near Las Cuevas, is eted, new points of work will have to be opened.

he South Chihuahua Conference of Churches and Convention of C.E. ties just held with this church, Mar. 23-26, was a very harmonious and su successful one. The Las Cuevas brethren not only entertained the 50 who attended, but sent horses, burros, and a cart for the accommodation of those who wished to go from Parral. The church had been repaired, and a choir drilled on new hymns for the occasion. An interesting pro- gram was well sustained. The presence of Mr. Howland the president of the national confederation of Young People's Societies was a great inspi ration. Dr. Khatley, who has been such a help to us in our work at Parral preached the opening sermon. The people were quite enthusiastic and the evening audiences filled the house.

Potrero is developing into a small mining camp, so that new people constantly being reached by the services which the brethren themselves ry on. One of the brethren here was accused of theft last July by his ther, not a believer, and thrown into prison in Parral. After some months ay, he was sentenced to 2 years imprisonment, although nothing was ven against him. Convinced of his innocence, we took the matter up to Supreme Court of the State, and had the satisfaction of setting him free le in prison, he distributed a great many tracts, and worked as he could ng the prisoners, who had been brought here from all over the district. s many were reached, whom we had tried in vain to get access to. Only months before he was imprisoned, a petition signed by several members the Parral Church, requesting permission of the City Council to distri- literature among the prisoners, was peremptorily refused. "God moves mysterious way".

dra Alumbre has nothing of special interest to report. The opportunity work among the neighboring ranches remains the same.

Quintin. The residents of this little ranch keep up their services as hfully as ever, a notable feature of which is the collection, which hand over to the treasurer of the Parral Church.

Ignacio and Guadalupe. A number of members residing here have been re- ed in Parral, and several more are expecting to be received soon. Two gr s are in our Parral school with more to follow. Steps are being taken rect a small chapel, and the adobes are already being made. They are ecting money also for the purchase of a small organ.

ores. The arrival of our helper, Isabel Balderas and his newly wedded wif uly was the cause of great rejoicing among these brethren. Services been attended with enthusiasm, and a number of converts are awaiting ism. Some money has been pledged towards the erection of a chapel, and and timber have been donated. Although not loming up to the expected support, this congregation has done well, having contributed in six $134, in additon to house rent and gifts of supplies.

za. The church building was completed and dedicated free of debt on th of June. ~~Dr. Eaton of Chihuahua preached the sermon, and Messrs. Molina of El Paso, Eugenio Rodriguez of Las Cuevas, and Federico~~

avala of Parral, ~~as well as the missionary in charge~~ took part. A large number were resent, representing all classes of society, Romanists as well as liberal nd evangelicals. The building, representing a good deal of sacrifice on he part of the resident brethren, is commodious, attractive, and well lo-ated. With the exception of the help of a student for two months of the ummer vacation, the brethren have been without regular preaching. During he year four members have been received into this church.

Otis C. Olds

For the year ending March 31st 1909

Report of the Parral School.

re have been few changes of interest
eport in this branch of the work this year.
Of over ninety pupils enrolled, consid-
ably over half are boys.
It was thought best almost from
organization of the school to admit
ch American children as had no other
ool advantages, All have paid tuition
d while they were here they were cheerfully
eived. The first of January a school
foreign children was started and
school now is entirely Mexican.
The tuition since September amounts
47.25. All has been used for general
enses of the school.
A very satisfactory change has been
de in the native assistant, Francisca
ras - who had done faithful work in
position for three years - was received
the Chihuahua school and Maria

mbo - one of last year's graduates from
school came to fill the vacancy.
has proved a valuable assistant
has taken an active interest in
department of church work.
dsila Molina - a Parral girl, but for
eral years a student in Chihuahua -
ished by taking classes while we had
American children.
Counting the two assistants ~~our~~ the
rders have numbered nine during
year, All but two have paid their
uses and these two have been sup-
ted by friends in the States. Two of
e girls came in January, from San
acio - a station two days' ride away from
, Although grown they hardly knew
to read. It is very encouraging to
the interest they take in their studies
watch their advancement. In a very
t time they will return to their homes

d people prepared to help in every
od work.

(#) 13.

Of the seventy-seven pupils enrolled
nce the school year began in September,
ty-eight are from ~~our~~ Protestant church families.
he are only about six who do not at-
d ~~our~~ the Sunday School. Not one ever
ists to studying the Bible and sing-
y ~~our~~ hymns.

This week the mother of three of our
lest pupils asked that her children
used from attending school afternoons
f the week, as they were to be confirmed
the Catholic church and were required
be present at the church where children
e being taught the doctrine of that church.
ese children are as interested in the
le study as any from our Christian
milies.

Nellie A. Prescott.

Minutes,—

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Annual Meeting of the Northern Mexico Mission.

The Third Annual Conference of the Congregational Churches and Missionaries of the states of Chihuahua and Sonora was held in Parral, April 10th to 13th. Only a little more than a month before, the first Congregational church building erected in Mexico, was dedicated in Hermosillo, Sonora, where Mr. and Mrs. Crawford have been working faithfully, and with good success for more than three years. The building of this church has attracted much attention throughout that state, and at the dedication services the house was filled with people from all classes, from the Governor down to the peon.

During the past year three new churches have been organized in this mission, making the total number eight, with seven in the state of Chihuahua, and with about 300 members in all. Reports from the various stations and out-stations showed that the work is in a healthy condition, and growing continually, for while no great out-pouring of the Holy Spirit has been experienced, regular additions to all the churches, and urgent calls for new work and more workers prove that a revival spirit is a constant and expected thing. There are no divisions in the churches.

An illustration of church growth is seen in Mr. Case's church at Parral. At the closing service on Sunday night, five were received to membership, four children baptized, and

sixteen candidates proposed for reception at the next communion. While this is above the average, it is not entirely exceptional.

During the Conference, the room was filled at each one of the services, while at all the evening meetings it was crowded, and at the closing one, not only was all the seating room packed, but the gagnan (which may be compared to the vestibule of American churches) had about twenty-five persons in it, and each of the windows was surrounded by a dense crowd who listened attentively much of the time. Certainly more than one hundred and fifty ~~150~~ persons heard the whole service, and many others heard parts of it, in spite of a theatrical company performing a few doors away, doing their best to attract the crowd with a brass band, and succeeding in making so much noise as to interrupt seriously our services.

While all the meetings were full of interest, there was especial enthusiasm manifested after an essay by Mr. Eaton on the subject of self-support and benevolence in the church. Many of the native brethren pledged various amounts for the coming year, and all manifested the most lively appreciation of the need of action in this line, and of determination to do their part. The same spirit was continued, and even increased in the meeting of the next day, when considering the subject

of the newly established "Rio Grande Congregational Training School." The brethren who could not hope to attend as students, voluntarily offered to contribute toward paying the expenses of the young men who should go; and, best of all, it was a moment of life consecration for some. After the service four young men and one older blind man offered themselves for the work of the Gospel ministry. We hope to have two of these in the new school within a few weeks, and perhaps the others later. The blind brother is a peculiarly interesting man, eloquent, with a quick memory, and gives promise of being very useful in the Lord's work.

Our greatest need in this field is a trained native ministry. With our eight churches already organized, and so widely separated that a missionary has had to travel 225 miles and back to celebrate the Lord's Supper in one of them, we have not one ordained native preacher, and no educated native helpers. The work is so pressing that we could employ twenty of them today if we had them. Our call to the native brethren is for consecrated young men for this work; to our home churches and co-laborers it is for a way to prepare these young servants of the Lord. We are beginning to receive a reply to both petitions, but we need more.

Mr. Bissell brought us good news and fraternal greetings from the Western Mexico Mission, and after five days of delightful conference and prayer, we separated, thanking God for the privilege and inspiration of such a yearly gathering.

A. C. Wright. C. Juarez, Mexico.
4-17-1890.

FITH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NORTH MEXICO MISSION.

CIUDAD JUAREZ, DEC. 23-30.

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MINUTES (CONDENSED)--

At the opening of the first session,-Dec. 23'rd, 9:A.M.-there were present, Mr. and Mrs. Eaton, Mr. and Mrs. Wright, Miss Prescott, and Messrs. Crawford, Olds and Case.

After the opening devotional exercises, the first business taken up was the election of officers for the ensuing year.

Mr. Crawford was chosen to continue as President, Mr. Case to continue as Secretary, and Mr. Olds was elected Vice President.

The committee appointed at the last an. meeting to arrange constitution, &c. for the organization of our native churches into an association, having reported that on account of the pressure of other business in connection with this meeting, they had thought best to postpone the matter, it was voted that the same committee-Messrs. Wright and Crawford- be requested to hold the subject in hand, and report again at our next an. meeting.

The attention of the missionaries was called to the desirability of there being put in shape, for reference at each station, those acts and resolutions passed by the mission, in its various meetings, embodying the sense of the mission in respect to some of the more important principles which should guide our future policy. The Secretary together with the President were elected a com. to attend to this matter.

The question as to the establishing of a new mission station on the west coast, was now discussed, and it was voted that in our judgment such a station should be established.

The question as to when the new work should be opened, and also the question as to who should be sent, were discussed,-the latter to some length, and finally laid upon the table, and the meeting adjourned until Thursday morning.

Dec. 25'th, 9:A.M. the meeting was gained called to order, there being present, in addition to those already mentioned, Mr. and Mrs, Bissell, Mr. Howland, of the Western Mission, and Sec. A. N. Hitchcock of Chicago. It was voted that Sec. Hitchcock and Mr. Howland be invited to participate in the discussions of our meeting.

The question: "By whom shall the proposed new work be opened?" was now taken from the table. It was moved and seconded that Mr. Case be asked to go to the west coast. After considerable discussion it was again decided to postpone the decision of the matter, and an adjournment was taken until Saturday morning.

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Dec.27'th,9:A.M. After the usual devotional exercises,it was voted to follow the regular program for the morning.

Mr. Eaton read a paper discussing carefully and fairly the question: "Shall persons living together as husband and wife,contrary to Mexican law,be received to our churches ?" After some interchange of thought on this question,which has been so puzzling to some of us,the following was unanimously adopted: "Resolved that this mission does not approve,in any case,of the admission to church membership of persons who are living together as husband and wife,contrary to Mexican law."

Mr.Wright followed with a suggestive paper on the question,"How shall we obtain native preachers from those who cannot attend the training school at Juarez ?" A vote was taken approving the positions taken in the essay,and recommending that we act upon them.

Mrs.Eaton read an interesting paper on the subject of Christian Endeavor Societies. All were impressed with the importance of this movement, and especially that more active efforts should be made to extend it in connection with our Mexican work. Mrs.Eaton and Mr.Howland were chosen a com. to prepare and present to the different stations of both missions,for their approval, the name,form of constitution and pledge,of this society,;also to prepare a leaflet on the subject for general circulation, and report as soon as possible.

The question as to sending Mr.Case to open the work on the west coast,was now taken from the table and by ballot decided in the negative.

It was then voted to ask Mr.Bissell to undertake the new field proposed,entering upon it as soon as convenient.

The reoccupancy of Cosi as a station was considered,and Mr.Olds chosen as our missionary in that region.

Dec.29'th,9:A.M. Items of business were taken up according to the program. It was voted that the Mission cordially endorse the application of Mr.and Mrs.Eaton,to be made to the Board,for leave of absence to visit the United States during four or five months of the coming year 1891,for the purpose of change and rest.

Voted that we also endorse the application to be made to the Board by Mr.Wright in behalf of himself and wife,for leave of absence to visit the United States during the necessary vacation of the school i in the heated term of the year 1891.

Voted that we request Mr.Bissell to prepare a course of lectures on the Bible,or some section of the Bible,for the Training school at Juarez.

Voted that Mr.Wright and Miss.Prescott be requested to act as com. to prepare a list of text books for use in our mission schools,and arrange as far as possible a uniform course of study,reporting at our next an.meeting. By vote,Sec.Hitchcock was requested to make report of this Juarez meeting to The Advance.

It was voted that Mr.Olds be asked to go to Parral for a period of three or four months,assisting in the work in that region before taking up his labors in Cosi.

Voted that the following minute be inserted in the records: This mission has heard with great satisfaction of the action of the Prudential Com.in appropriating $1500.gold,for the enlargement of the buildings for the Girl's ~~school~~ Boarding and Day School in Chihuahua,as the need for such advance is urgent.

Chihuahua was chosen as the place of the next meeting, and it was voted that the next an.meeting be held as near the 1'st of Apr. 1892 as possible. Mr.Eaton,Mr.Olds and Miss Dunning were chosen to serve as com.of arrangements and program.

It was voted that we endorse the application of Mr.Crawford for a special grant to cover the following items: Fence around mission property,-required by law, $126.12, division walls between the mission and adjoining property,-also required by law,$77.00, and$78.00 to meet additional expenses incurred by removing family to Nogales during the heated season.

The matter of the removal of the Training schoon plant from Juarez to the other side of the river in El Paso,was discussed,and the following votes passed: "That in view of all the considerations presented,we as a mission,would approve of the proposal that the N.W.E.C. procure and hold in its own name,the land and buildings for the Rio Grande Training School, it being understood that the expense and maintainance of the school continue to be met jointly by the two societies."

"That we consider it of importance that some agreement be made between the A.B.C.F.M. and the N.W.E.C.as to the way in which the outfit and property of the school aside from the land and buildings,be held."

It was voted that Mr.Eaton,after consultation with Mr.Wright,prepare a statements of the reasons leading to this movement,for presentation to the Prudential Com.

Voted that we approve the plan that Mr.Bissell and Mr.Crawford make a tour of exploration from Hermosillo in order to determine the location for the proposed new station.

Mr.Howland introduced a discussion on the "Testigo",and proposed to give that paper over into the hands of this mission,providing we would take it. Mr.Bissell was chosen to act with Mr.Howland as com. to consider further the subject,and report at our next session.

Dec.30.9:A.M. The usual season of devotion was observed. The Secretary was asked to prepare and send a report of this meeting to the Missionary Herald,and Mr.Howland was asked to send an account to the Independent.

Sec.Hitchcock now addressed the missionaries,expressing warmly his own interest as well as that of the ~~the~~ home friends in us and the work here. He spoke of his feeling as to the great and growing

importance of this Mexican work, and of his desire to aid us in every possible way, even making personal sacrifices if necessary to this end.

In accordance with a suggestion made by our visiting Secretary, it was voted that each missionary prepare a brief statement in which shall be indicated some of those things which have been most helpful to him in his work, and which now make the future encouraging, and send the same, as soon as convenient, to Dr. Hitchcock.

The committee appointed to report on the matter of transferring The Testigo to this mission, recommended that we accept Mr. Howland's proposal. Report accepted. Considerable discussion followed. The advantages, as to expense, &c, of publishing the paper in El Paso, were evident; but on account of the pressure of other work already felt by the missionary at Juarez, the way did not seem clear for us to take the paper at present.

The following minutes were heartily approved: "We recognize the great labor of Messrs. Howland and Bissell in conducting El Testigo, and would express to them our gratitude for what they have done."

"Moved that we consider carefully the offer made to transfer the Testigo to this mission, and appoint Mr. Wright and Mr. Bissell a committee to consider more thoroughly the matter."

It was voted that Mrs. Eaton be requested to furnish material on the subject of Christian Endeavor work for the Testigo.

The attention of the mission was next directed to the location of native helpers for the coming year. It was voted that Señor Felipe Hernandez, who has been for nearly two years engaged in the work at Atotonilco, be transferred to the city of Chihuahua, and that Señor Gregorio Rodriguez, now of Chihuahua, be located at Atotonilco for the next year. Also it was voted that Señor Epitacio Madrid, a young man of San Buenaventura, be stationed at Ciudad Juarez.

After prayer, the meeting was adjourned.

Alden B. Case.

Mission Secretary.

REPORT OF ANNUAL MEETING OF MEXICO MISSION, HELD IN CHIHUAHUA CITY, MARCH 28-APRIL 3, 1892.

On Monday, Mar. 28 at 9 A.M the following missionaries were assembled: Mr. and Mrs. Eaton, Mr. and Mrs. Olds, Messrs. Howland and Case, Miss Dunning and Miss Prescott. There were also present as visitors: Rev. Horace Houlding, of Riverside, Cal. Miss Dorothy Stahl, of the Juarez Training School, and Miss Hull, a "New West" teacher from Albuquerque.
On Tuesday Mr. Bissell arrived, Mr. Wright on Thursday morning, and Dr. Webb of Boston on Thursday evening.

The first business was reorganization, in which the former "Western" and "Northern" missions were united to form the "Mexico Mission".

After the adoption of a new and carefully prepared constitution, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mr. Howland, president, Mr. Olds, V. Pres. Mr. Bissell, recording sec. Mr. Case, corresponding sec. Mr. Eaton, treasurer and Mr. Wright, auditor.

The remainder of the Monday session was occupied in the presentation of topics important to be considered at this meeting, each station being heard from.

TUESDAY.

The more important items of business were, the appointment of a com. to arrange for the examination of Sr. José Ybañez (a Juarez student) as candidate for approbation to preach. Messrs. Howland, Wright and Bissell were appointed a com. to prepare a course of study for our native preachers. It was voted to endorse the application of Mr. Crawford for a special appropriation by the Prudential Com. of $176.64 Mex. for side-walk required by law around the mission property in Hermosillo. The Presbyterians of Mexico City having asked our assistance in preparing a new hymnbook, Mrs. Eaton was chosen as com. to attend to this matter. Mr. Eaton was appointed as com. on tracts, the Evangelical Alliance having desired us to name some tract or tracts which we would recommend for publication. Mrssrs. Eaton, Howland and Wright were appointed to prepare a minute expressing the sense of the mission regarding the publication of the revised version of the Scriptures in Spanish, a communication having been received from the Bible House, N.Y desiring to know if we should advise the publication of the Old Test. in a volume by itself as soon as ready, sometime this Spring.

The corresponding secretary read a communication from Dr. Clark relative to the appropriation for the work of this mission for the year 1893, and requesting attention to the following points in making out the estimates: x x. It was voted to ask the Prudential Committee to make a special grant of $140. (Mex) to meet expenses already incurred by Mr. Case in his field. (Explanation as to these expenses will be found in a letter written by Mr. Case to Sec. Clark under date of Nov. 3 1891, and reference is asked to the reply of Dr. Clark dated Nov. 30, '91.)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30.

The subject of teaching force, native and foreign, was taken up, and roll of stations was called. El Fuerte and Cusihuiriachic each expressed desire for the appointment of an American lady teacher. It was voted

to endorse the request for such a teacher at Fuerte.
A vote was passed releasing Miss Prescott from all obligation of the school in Chihuahua at the close of the present school year(June) providing she so desire,looking toward her return to Parral.

Mr.Wright reported names of students now in the Juarez school, with statements bearing on the question of the employment of some of them during the coming vacation. Voted that Sr.José Ybañez be appointed to El Refugio and vicinity, and that whatever may be saved in rents at the Cosi station be applied on the expense of student work.for this summer. It was also voted that Sr.Julian Carrasco be invited to take up work for the vacation in Zaragoza.

THURSDAY,MARCH 31.

Welcome and privileges of the floor were extended to Rev. _____ of El Paso,who was with us. The committee on text books for use in our schools reported,and the recording secretary was requested to send to each station a list of the books recommended in the report.

The committee on organization of association of Congregational churches,Mr.Wright chairman,reported,and the following resolution were adopted:- 1. "That we heartily commend the action of the churches of Southern Chihuahua in the organization of a local association of Congregational churches." 2. "That we would encourage the formation of similar associations in other parts of our mission field as fast as churches may be organized in sufficient numbers to make it practicable."
3. "That we commend the constitution adopted by this (South Chihuahua)association,and the one presented by Mr.Crawford,for the consideration of such organizations."

The question of the Testigo"was taken up,and Mr.Howland made a statement regarding the present status of the paper. It was voted to request Mr.Howland to continue until the next annual meeting,the editorship and publication of the paper. The matter of possible permanence of publication of the paper in Guadalajara was discussed, and among other arguments,one felt to be of special force was presented viz.that a peper coming from the interior is looked upon with far less suspicion and prejudice than is a peper coming from across the American line. By those of the former "Northern Mission" this point was considered to be one of no little importance. But even in view of the possibillity that the paper might within two or three yearsbe transferred to the Northern border,it was felt that we ought not to wait until such a time to provide a new printing outfit . It was voted that we ask the Board to appropriate an amount necessary to supply the"Testigo"office at Guadalajara with the new press and type needed for the more successful publication of the paper. Mr.Howland was appointed as committee to report at a late session of this meeting the sum which will be needed for this purpose. After an informal discussion as to the general make up of the paper,a com.was appointed(Case,Bissell,Eaton)to suggest changes and improvements.

Mr.Eaton read a communication from Treasurer Ward,specially limiting mission and station treasurers to the appropriations,and stating that salaries are not to be paid in advance.

After brief discussion in regard to the disposition of forces Messrs. Eaton and Olds were appointed a com. to draw up a memorial to the Board emphasizing the necessity of so arranging the forces of this mission that a man may be sent to the sierra region.

FRIDAY, APRIL 1'st.

Cordial welcome and the courtesies of the floor were extended to Rev. Dr. E. B. Webb. Mr. Case had been suddenly called home on account of illness in his family, and Mrs. Olds was chosen in his place on the com. having in charge suggestions as to changes in form of "El Testigo".

The question concerning manner of holding the Board's property was taken up. It was moved that in the case now pending at Parral, Mr. Case be instructed to have the deed made out in his own name. After discussion which indicated the state of uncertainty enveloping the whole question of real estate titles under Mexican law, the motion was laid upon the table and Mr. Eaton was appointed as com. to investigate the matter and report as soon as possible. Opportunity was now given to the Rev. Horace W. Houlding to make a statement touching the possibility of his being considered as a candidate for appointment to this mission. Such statement was made and some questions were answered by him. After his withdrawal the subject was discussed in various lights and was at length made the order of the day for tomorrow morning.

The subject of the approbation of José Ybañez for the work of preaching was taken up. Great satisfaction was felt with the public examination sustained by the candidate yesterday, and very encouraging statements were made regarding his character and promise of usefulness. It was voted that he be approbated to preach for the term of two years. Voted that in the future the mission reports of sales of books &c, a distinction be made beteen religious and secular publications.

Corresponding Secretary Case was appointed to prepare a historical sketch of the entire mission, to be published if it receive the approval of the Board. It was voted that such sketch be submitted to a com. consisting of Messrs. Howland and Eaton before forwarding same to Boston. Mrs. Olds was appointed to prepare two large duplicate maps showing the entire field occupied by the mission, one for use in our annual meetings, the other to be forwarded to the Rooms in Boston.

It was voted to request the Board to send a representative to visit this mission each year, to be present at the annual meeting if possible. Voted that Mr. Howland be requested to prepare and present, before the students at Juarez, lectures on such subject as he shall choose, on consultation with the director of the school. A com. was appointed to prepare estimate of expense for attendance of missionary coming to Juarez to deliver lectures. Mrsses. Eaton and Howland were chosen as com. to report on estimates for this mission for the year 1893.

SATURDAY, APRIL 2.

Touching the matter of Mr. Houlding's possible candidacy for appointment to this mission, the following resolutions were presented:

"Resolved, 1'st, That we most heartily thank Mr. Houlding for his visit, for the deep interest which he has taken in the work in which this

mission is engaged,and for the spiritual uplift which we have received from him. Resolved,2'ond,that we recognize in him an earnest christian worker whom we believe to be well equipped for the work so much needed in Juarez,and we would encourage him to make application to the Board for appointment to take charge of the pastoral work there and the direction of the evangelistic work of the students."

After discussion the former of these resolutions was unamimously adopted. The second resolution was laid upon the table,and Mr.Eaton was requested to communicate to Mr.Houlding the action taken by the mission in the case.

The com.on time and place of next annual meeting reported recommending Guadalajara as place,and providing for the attendance of one ordained missionary and one lady teacher from each station; time of meeting to remain unchanged. The report was accepted and adopted.

The com.on course of study for native helpers reported favoring a written examination of the workers at each station,by the missionary in charge,on the work entitled"Conferencias sobre la Predicación"and that two written sermons be required from each one during the year. Report accepted and adopted.

The com.on Bible revision reported,presenting the following memorial,which was ordered copied upon the minutes,and the recording sec. requested to send a copy of the same to the Am.Bible Soc.New York.

MEMORIAL.

Wheras the need of a revised version of the Holy Scriptures in Spanish is generally acknowledged by the missionary workers in Mexico,is very deeply felt by some of them,and was officially recognized by the General Assembly of Protestant Missions held in the city of Mexico four years ago, therefore be it

Resolved:-That this mission would put on record its own sense of such need,at the same time expressing its appreciation of the efforts making by the Am.Bible Soc.to supply the want.

And be it further resolved:- That while we as a body have not had an opportunity to form an intelligent opinion as to the merits of the revision now in progress,we do hereby recognize with grateful admiration the great ability,patience,fidelity and consecrated enthusiasm of the Rev.H.B.Pratt as a translator;and we hope that the work of revision under his direction ,already so far advanced,may soon be completed,and its results given to the world by the society,beleiving that even though this particular version should not be universally accepted, its publication would aid materially in securing the preparation of the desired Spanish Bible that shall "be understanded of the people",at the same time that it faithfully conveys the sense of the inspired original.

The com.on estimate for purchase of new printing outfit,Mr. Howland,reported,not favoring purchase of new press at present,and recommending a request for $200.gold,for better equipment of the outfit.

The com.on purchase of property in Cosi recommended a request for an appropriation of $2,400.gold,for such purchse,as residence for the missionary family. Report adopted.

Mr.Wright presented a report of the Juarez school and recommended 1'st, that one missionary and one teacher be appointed as visiting committee for the school, its duties being, to visit the school twice a year; to give advice to the management on all such questions as may be referred to them; to make such suggestions as may recommend themselves to them; to make an annual report of the condition and needs of the school to the mission. 2'nd, that we inform the New West Ed.Commission of this action,and request that a similar committee be appointed by it,to work in connection with this one. Report accepted and adopted. Mr.Howland and Miss Prescott were chosen as visiting committee in accordance with the above.

Dr.Webb presented the subject of manual training in our schools,and discussion on the subject followed.

The com. on work in the Sierra region presented the following memorial,which was adopted.

MEMORIAL.

Resolved,that we hereby reaffirm our conviction that the sierra region which has been worked from Cusi as a centershould be reoccupied by a missionary as soon as possible. The considerations which led to the beginning of the work there (viz.1. the readiness of the Mexican people at many points to receive the Gospel,and 2.the presence of many thousands of Tarahumare Indians,who ought to be evangelized whenever suitable preachers and teachers may be raised up for this purpose,) have been reenforced by(1)our further occupancy of the west coast, between which and our stations on the central table-land the sierra work furnishes the connecting link,and (2)the increased promise of fruitfulness of the field under discussion,never so cheering as now.

Voted that there be added to the memorial a request to the Board that a man be appointed as soon as possible to join Mr.Wright at Juarez,in order to release Mr.and Mrs.Olds for that work.

Mr.Houlding addressed the meeting expressing his satisfaction at having been permitted to be present,and his abiding interest in our work.

The annual meeting of 1892 was closed with prayer by Mr.Houlding.

(Abstract of the minutes)

Aldin W. Wilson,
Cor. Sec.

Ciudad Juarez, Mexico,
June 1st, 1892.

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At the suggestion of several of the home and foreign missionaries engaged in work in this field a Conference was arranged to meet in El Paso, Texas, at the time of the visit of Sec'y Bliss to the Training School at this place, May 27th, 1892. The object of the conference was to consider the condition and needs of the Rio Grande Congregational Training School and the relations existing between the societies supporting it with a view to its greatest usefulness in the future. The members consisted of the teaching force of the school, A.C.Wright, O.C.Olds and Miss Stahl, with Rev. J.D.Eaton of Chihuahua, Rev. E.L. Hood of Albuquerque, and Sec'y Bliss. There was a full discussion of the important points included in the above named object and the following motioms were unanimously adopted:-

That, in the opinion of this Conference it is very desirable that the American Board should at a very early date appoint a missionary to take charge of the church in Ciudad Juarez and discharge duties of instruction in the Training School at El Paso.

That the New West Commission be requested, if consistent with their views, to appoint a teacher to take charge of a Mexican school of low grade in connection with the new Training School at El Paso.

It was theexpressed opinion of all present, altho' not voted upon, that the best interests of the school demand the employment of a matron and the strong hope was expressed that the New West might appoint such a person.

The Conference, in view of the fact that that the year of the A. B.C.F.M. is from Jan. to Jan., and that of the New West from July to July, making some confusion in the accounts of the Training School, asks the officers of the New West if it would not be convenient to them to vote on the appropriation twice a year, July 1st and Jan. 1st.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEXICO MISSION, HELD IN GUADALAJARA JAN.

16-22, 1893.-MINUTES CONDENSED.

Guadalajara, Jan. 16, 1893.

After devotional exercises the meeting was called to order. Members present, Mr. and Mrs. Howland, Mr. and Mrs. Eaton, Mr. and Mrs. Case, Mr. and Mrs. Olds, Messrs. Crawford and Wright, Miss Haskins and Miss White.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:- Pres. Mr. Howland, Vice Pres. Mr. Crawford, Recording Sec. Mr. Olds, Cor. Sec. Mr. Case, Treas. Mr. Eaton.

Reports of committees. Mr. Eaton, com. on Titles to Mission Property, made no report and was continued. Howland and Eaton, com. on Press and Type, reported progress and were continued. Mrs. Olds, com. on Maps, presented the two large maps of the mission requested, and a vote of thanks was given her for the successful fulfillment of the duty assigned. Mr. Case, com. on Historical Sketch of the mission, was continued.

A letter from Rev. E. P. Herrick, Tampa, Fla. asking that a man and his wife be sent there from Mexico to take up work among the 3,000 and more Cubans of that place, was read and the matter deferred to be considered in connection with the distribution of workers.

Messrs. Eaton and Wright were appointed a com. to consider and report on the communications received from the Board through our corresponding Sec.

The courtesies of the floor were extended to Miss Stahl of the Rio Grande Training School.

The com. on Docket reported and it was voted to take up business in order under the following general heads, Evangelistic Methods, (2) The Training School, (3) Native Workers, (4) Estimates, (5) Miscellaneous.

The matter of S.S. helps was introduced by Mr. Wright, who desired suggestions as to the leaflet now published in connection with the training school and whether it would be well to attempt the publication of a denominational lesson help. The general opinion expressed in regard to this was contrary, but a com. was appointed to consider the matter and report by means of a circular letter not later than July 1'st of the present year.

- - - JAN. 17, 9: A.M. - - -

After devotional exercises it was voted to change the order of items on the docket and commence with the subject of the "Testigo". In accordance with the recommendation of the com. appointed to consider the subject, it was voted to amend to constitution so as to provide for a Com. of Publication of "El Testigo", to consist of an editor and two assistant editors. The duties of the committee

"shall be to decide in all matters connected with the paper, not arranged for by the mission as a whole and present each year an estimate of the appropriations needed". "The editor shall also publish the paper." In accordance with this provision for new officers, Mr. Howland was elected editor, and Mr. Bissell and Mrs. Eaton associate editors. Voted that Mrs. Case be requested to take charge of a subdivision of the Home department in the "Testigo". Further discussion on distribution of work on the paper was deferred in order to take up the subject of the Training School. Mr. Wright, having been asked to present the subject of "Teaching Force", stated that Mr. Birlew, the supt. of the Industrial dept. did not wish to continue his connection with the school longer than until the close of the present school year (Jun. 1) Mr. Wright requested that if it be the sense of the mission that no addition to the teaching force of the school is needed, the mission put itself on record to that effect.

Miss Stahl spoke expressing the desirability of having a man teacher in her place, who, in addition to his other work, might live in the building and have oversight of the young men. After some discussion it was voted that a com. be appointed to report an amendment to the constitution providing for a board of Visitors for the Training School, and defining the duties of such a board. Messrs. Howland and Eaton were chosen as committee.

Reports were given from the stations on the examinations of native helpers, in accordance with action to that effect taken at the last annual meeting. It was found that in nearly every case the regular helpers had complied satisfactorily with the recommendation to persue the course of study, and had also presented two sermons for examination. In accordance with motion by Mr. Wright, it was voted that the book to be studied by the native helpers during the present year should be, "Teología Natural" por Paley, and that all be required to read it, as well as prepare two sermons for examination.

On vote that each missionary present the names of available helpers on his field, the following list of helpers was made.

Miguel Magdaleno,	Students in the Tr. School.
José Lara,	José Ibañez,
Sabastian Ramos,	Epitacio Madrid,
Tino Pacas,	Eugenio Rodriguez,
Ricardo Ontiveros,	Julian Carrasco,
Gregorio Rodriguez,	Domingo Mata,
Felipe Hernandez,	Sabastian Hernandez,
Tomas Montoya,	Jesus Moya,
	Francisco Talamantes, Refugio Jaramillo.

The latter six students are available only for vacation work.

It was voted that Felipe Hernandez be continued another year in Chihuahua, Gregorio Rodriguez another year in Jimenez and Tomas Montoya for one year in Atotonilco. Further action in regard to the location of helpers was deferred to a future session.

Messrs. Eaton and Case were appointed a com to report on matter of missionaries' salaries.

JANUARY 18,9:A.M.

The usual devotional exercises were had,after which the Cor.Secretary read a petition from the brethren in El Valle de San Buenaventura requesting that a minister be sent them.

The committee appointed to to define duties of the proposed Board of Visitors reported,and as a result it was voted to incorporate the following article in the constitution.

"Art.VI. Board of Visitors of the Training School.

Sec.1. The Board shall consist of two members of the mission elected annually,to act if possible,in conjunction with representatives of the N.W.E.C.

Sec.2. It shall be the duty of the Board (1) to visit the school at least once a year. (2) On consultation with the director to decide regarding the admission and continuance of all students. (3) To decide all questions of administration and discipline that may be referred to them by the director,and to make to him such suggestions as may seem desirable. (4) In union with the director to engage all assistants not provided for by the supporting societies,and to determine the course of study. (5) To present a written report at each annual meeting of the mission together with an estimate of the amount required for the support of the school for the ensuing year. Proceeding to the election of this Advisory Board, Messrs.Howland and Case were chosen.

Voted that the Board report at the present meeting on those subjects at this time referred to it.

The com.on baptism of children of parents who are not,and cannot be,legally married,made the following report,which was adopted. "That we recommend such baptism,if desired,in cases where at least one of the parents gives evidence of sincere conversion."

Regarding those believers living in marriage relations and who,on account of defective laws,cannot be legally united,the suggestion was favorably considered that ordinarily they not be advised to separate,but while not being received to full communion in the church,(until removal of legal impediment) they be recognized as brethren in every other sense.

The question of salaries of students employed to preach during vacation was introduced by the reading of a letter from Supt.Hood of the A.H.M.Soc.in N.Mex.suggesting the desirability of some action being taken by us on the subject at this meeting. Matter referred without action to the Board of Visitors.

Voted that the traveling expenses of the native teachers be met from the appropriations for salaries of said teachers.

The case of a native helper who was suspended from his position because of immorality,was brought up and advice asked, It was voted that we approve of the suspension of Jesus Guzman,and recommend that it be for at least one year.

JANUARY 18,3:P.M.

It was voted that Mr.Wright be asked to act as our representative to confer with the A.H.M.Soc.with regard to the employment and salary of students in vacation.

The recommendation on the com.appointed to report on salaries of missionaries,was considered and adopted. "In view of the inadequacy of present salaries caused by the depreciation of silver and understanding thro a communication from Dr.Clark that the Prud. Committee will consider the question of advance in salary,we recommend that the salaries of missionaries assigned in Mex.silver be increased by 20 per cent for the year 1893, if the rate of exchange shall range between 1.40 and 1.60,subject to further modification should the rate rise above 1.60 or fall below 1.40."

Messrs.Eaton,Case and Wright were appointed to arrange the estimates for year 1894.

JANUARY 20,9:A.M.

Devotional exercises were led by Mr.Bissell,who arrived the day before.

The Board of Visitors of the Tr.school reported and the following recommendations were discussed and adopted:

"(1) That José Ibañez,Eugenio Rodriguez and Epitacio Madrid be employed by the mission after the close of the present school year (i.e.not continued for the present as students)

(2) That Julian Carrasco,Francisco Talamantes,Sabastian Hernandez,Refugio Jaranillo,José Moya and Domingo Mata be sent to different fields for work during the vacation,but to be associated with or directly supervised by some missionary or other ordained minister.

(3) That they receive no salary,but that their traveling and living expenses be paid, that they receive $3.50 Am.money per month for clothes,and that on resuming their studies in the school they be allowed $5.00 Am.cy,with the recommendation and expectation that it be spent for books.

(4) That for the ensuing year(i.e.until the next annual meeting)only such students as can enter existing classes be admitted to the institution.

(5) That some arrangement be made as soon as possible so that the teaching force be entirely male,but not being feasible such an arrangement,that Miss Stahl continue in her present position,not living,however,in the school building.

(6) That if the arrangement indicated can be made,Miss Stahl be urged to apply for appointment under the A.B.C.F.M. with the understanding that this mission heartily endorse such an application.

(7) That Mr.Pirlew be recommended for the work in Tampa,Fla."

Voted that the Corresponding Sec.be instructed to put before the

Secretary of the N.W.E.C. the sense of this mission contained in the 5th recommendation just adopted, and in regard to all matters discussed pertaining to our relations with that society.

The committee having in hand the communication from the Board thro Br. Strong, reported the following, which was adopted:

"With regard to the first recommendation of the Board 'that all missionaries have their special attention called to regulations 4th, 5th and 6th found on page 21' &c, we recommend that our Corresponding Sec. be instructed to secure copies of these manuals, and that after marking the sections indicated copies be sent out to each station.

On the second recommendation, viz. 'that the missions be consulted in relation to recommending that the Board extend to unmarried female missionaries the right of voting', &c. we advise that the Cor. Sec. be instructed to inform the Board that in the Mexico mission all lady missionaries are expected to vote on all questions coming before the mission.

On the 3'rd recommendation, 'that the missions be consulted in relation to recommending that the Board adopt a rule limiting the right of voting to those members who have been on the ground at least one full year', our Cor. Sec. be instructed to report to the Board that this mission, in its experience sees no need for the adoption of such a rule."

After informal and somewhat prolonged discussion as to the advisability of transferring Mr. Howland to the Training school, the constitution was amended so that Art. VI, sec. 3 shall read, " No member of this mission shall be transferred to any other station excepting by a three-fourths vote of all members present at an annual meeting of the mission, or by a three-fourths vote of the mission taken in accordance with Art. VII, sec. 4 (circular letter).

Voted that in accordance with a letter just received from Dr. Clark, Mr. Crawford be authorized to consummate arrangements provisionally made with Miss Wetmore as teacher in Hermosillo.

Voted that Miss Prescott be urged to take a vacation of at least three months in the U.S. during the present year.

The question of missionaries' residence in Chihuahua was referred to a com. - Messrs. Case, Wright and Bissell.

It was voted that a building committee be appointed, to consider and advise on all plans for buildings or reconstruction of buildings for mission purposes. - Committee, Eaton, Howland and Case.

Mr. Olds having presented a request that Epitacio Madrid be assigned work at Maniquipa, it was voted that the request be granted.

JANUARY 21, 9:A.M.

Devotional exercises. The recommendation of the com. on time and place of next an meeting was adopted, that the meeting be held

in Chihuahua early in June,1894, the exact date to be fixed by the program committee.

The com.on missionaries' residence in Chihuahua reported and the following was adopted: "That we recognize the need in Chihuahua of a house separate from the school property for the missionary family. (2) That the matter be referred to a committee -Bissill, Crawford and Olds, with power to request the Board to appropriate a sum not exceeding $3,000 gold,for the purchase of lot and erection of such a residence,or,a sufficient amount to remodel satisfactorily the building on the present property. This com is to report to Boston at once."

The unfinished business of readjustment of forces was taken up and a vote taken on the question "that we invite Mr.Howland to be associated with Mr.Wright in the Rio Grande Tr.School,such transfer to be made in one year or as soon as satisfactory arrangements can be made to supply the Jalisco field." The motion was lost .

The following was carried: "That with a view to the ultimate transferrence of Mr.Howland to join the teaching force of the Tr.school,we urge the Am.Board to appoint immediately a new man to be located provisionally at Ciudad Juarez."

Resolutions were adopted as follows:

(1) That at each annual meeting of the mission,two missionaries and their alternates,be nominated to deliver lectures during the ensuing year at the Tr.school in El Paso,on the subjects assigned them.

(2) That those living in the state of Chihuahua be expected to deliver their lectures toward the last of the calendar year,and the others near the time of the annual meetings.

(3) That each lecturer be expected to deliver at least six lectures." It was voted that Mr.Case be appointed for the close of the term next May, Mr.Eaton for next December and Mr.Bissell for June,1894.

Voted that José Ibañez be asked to take charge of the mission work in C.Juarez,commencing with the close of the present school year, that Eugenio Rodriguez be asked to take up work in Sonora, commencing at the same time. Julian Carrasco was appointed to the church at San Buenaventura, Refugio Jaramillo to Jesus Maria and vicinity, and Francisco Talamantes to the Parral field.

The Cor.Sec.was instructed to reply to the letter received from the brethren of San Buenaventura,expressing our interest in their work and our desire to send them a permanent pastor as soon as possible.

Voted that the permission asked by Mr.Bissell to employ $60. (Mex) if it can be saved from his appropriations,to support a Bible woman in his field,be granted.

It was voted that the Board be asked to make a special grant

of $100. gold, to meet the expense of erecting a wall about the mission property in Hermosillo, such a wall being required by law.

The following resolutions were adopted:-

"(1) That we recognize the need of more systematic Bible study on the part of our native christians, and as an aid to this earnestly recommend the formation of a Mexican Bible Reader's Leaguue.

(2) That a com. be appointed to secure information regarding the International Bible Reader's League, or other similar leagues, to report as soon as possible by means of a circular letter or a brief article in the "Testigo".

(3) That if after such report the joining of some existing league be thought advisable, we ask sufficient space in the "Testigo" for the publication of the daily readings, and that each missionary be strongly urged to organize a branch league or leagues in his field."

Mr. Case and Mrs. Olds were appointed the committee.

Also the following resolutions were adopted:-

"(1) That our Christian Endeavor societies be urged to push the matter of temperance work thro their temperance committees.

(2) That a pledge be prepared for use in the society's meetings.

(3) That a department in "El Testigo" be especially devoted to giving helps in this matter."

Voted that the matter of temperance methods and activity be given in charge of a com. Mrs. Eaton and Miss Haskins were appointed.

A committee was appointed to take into consideration the subject of printed blanks and printed lists of prayer-meeting subjects for use in our church work, to prepare such blanks and arrange for their printing as soon as possible. Eaton and Howland.

Voted that Francisco Magdaleno be continued as helper in the Sinaloa field.

The matter of proper apportionment of tracts received by our mission from the Mexican Evangelical Alliance was referred to a com. Eaton and Case.

It was voted that the revised estimates for 1893, amounting to $21,600. gold, which was the limit named by the Board in March, 1892, be hereby approved, and a copy of the same be forwarded to the Board by the treasurer.

Voted that the following special grants already asked for at this meeting, be included in the revised estimates:- $200. gold, for rent of house in Guerrero and salary of a native helper after the close of the school year. (May 30) $50. gold, for salary of woman to act as matron in the Parral school. $50. gold, for fitting up a school-room in Cusi.

Voted that we endorse the request for an American lady teacher for Cusi, to be sent as soon as practicable.

JANUARY 21,7:30,P.M.

After a devotional hour further location of helpers was decided upon,as follows: Miguel Magdaleno at Tlajamulco, José Lara at La Barca, Sabastian Ramos at Citala,and Sino Pacas at San Sabastian.

It was arranged that Mr.Eaton take up and be responsible for the Mission department in the "Testigo",and that Mr.Wright become responsible for the department on Temperance.

The Recording Sec.was requested to send a copy of the minutes to each station.

Meeting adjourned to next year.

O.C.Olds,Recording Sec. John Howland,President.

Alden B. Case. Cor. Sec.

Chihuahua, May 31-June 6 1894

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ANNUAL MEETING
of the
MEXICO MISSION of the A. B. C. F. M.
held in
CHIHUAHUA.

May 31st to June 6th, 1894. - : - : - : -

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Officers Elected at this Meeting.

President,--	J. Howland.
Vice-President,--	O.C.Olds.
Recording & Cor. Sec'y.--	A.C.Wright.
Treasurer,---	J.D.Eaton.
Auditor,--	A.C.Wright.
AlternateAuditor,-	O.C.Olds.
Ad. Com. of Tr. School,--	Mssrs. Howland & Eaton.
Lecturers for Tr. Sch.,--	Eaton & Bissell.
Alternates,--	Howland & Olds.
Com. of Examiners.	Howland & Eaton.
Editor "El Testágo,"--	J.Howland.
1st. Assistant,	H.M.Bissell.
2d Assistant,--	Miguel Magdaleno.

Minutes.

Thursday, May 31st, 1894; 9 A.M.

After a half hour of devotional exercises, the meeting was formally opened by the Chairman, Mr. Howland, there being present the following members of the Mission:-

Members present.

Chihuahua Station, Mr. & Mrs. J.D.Eaton.
Miss Dunning.
Miss Holcomb.
Guadalajara Station, Mr. & Mrs. J. Howland.
Miss White.
Parral Station, Mr. & Mrs. O.C.Olds.
Miss ~~Dunning~~. Prescott.
Hermosillo Station, Miss Burrows.
C. Juárez Station, Mr. & Mrs. A.C.Wright.
Also Rev. C.H.Daniels,D.D., Cor. Sec'y of the A.B.C.F.M. as visitor.

Election of Officers.

Election of Officers for the ensuing year was announced as the first busines s in order, which was tak en up, resulting as follows:-
Presidents, Rev. John Howland.
Vice-President, Rev. O.C.Olds.
It was here moved and carried that it is the sense of this Mission that it is best to elect the same person to the two offices of Recording and Corresponding Secretary.
Recording Sec'y, Rev. A.C.Wright.
Cor. Sec'y, Rev. A.C.Wright.
Treasurer, Rev. J.D.Eaton.

Program.

The Program Com. then presented a provisional program which was accepted and adopted with slight modifications. This included business sessions each day from 9 to 12 A.M., and sessions in the afternoon with essays, and evening public services in Spanish.
The essays presented were as follows:-
"How far is it best to carry financially candidates for the ministry?" A.C.Wright.
"Training Schools for Men." J.D.Eaton.
"Day Schools." Miss Holcomb.
Review of the Life of Prof. Phelps. Mrs. Howland.
"Methods of Work." Mrs. Eaton.
"Church Discipline." Mr. Olds.

Formation of Docket.

It was then moved that the missionaries present a list of such subjects as they wished to have discussed at this meeting, to be referred to a Com. to form the docket. The Chairman and Sec'y were named as this Com.

Rev. C.H. Daniels,D.D.

The most hearty greetings of the Mission, and the privileges of the floor were extended to Rev. C.H. Daniels,D.D., Cor. Sec'y of the A.B.C.F.M., to which he replied in a few happily chosen words.

Appointment of

The Com. on Method of holding Proprty of the Board in Mexico, Mssrs. Eaton & Howland, was continued, and these others appointed:-

OMMITTIES. On Estimates for next year, Mssrs. Eaton & Olds.
On School Laws in State of Chihuahua, Olds.
On re-enforcement & distribution of workers, The five male missionaries, with Dr. Daniels. Chairman, Eaton.

Friday, June first.

Our number was increased by the arrival of Mr. & Mrs. Bissell, of the Fuerte Station.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

uditor elected. Election was taken for Auditor of the accounts of the Mission Treasurer, Mr. Wright being elected, with Mr. Olds as alternate.

ommittee on ew Constitution. It was moved to appoint a Com. of two, to report as soon as possible, on changes in the Constitution made necessary by the new Hand-Book sent out by the Prud. Com.

Mssrs. Eaton & Bissell were appointed.

n Rents & Salaries, and emale Delegates. It was moved to appoint a Com. to correspond with the Prud. Com. in regard to the two subjects; first, the necessity of including rents in the salaries of the missionaries; and second, the possibility of sending female delegates to the Annual Meeting to represent a Station.

Mr. Wright was appointed on this Com.

eports from Stations. The Annual Reports from the various stations were then read; from Chihuahua by Mr. Eaton; from Parral by Mr. Olds; from C. Juárez by Mr. Wright; and from Guadalajara by Mr. Howland. That from Fuerte was to be presented later by Mr. Bissell, who was also requested to report for Hermosillo, as was Mr. Olds for Cusihuiriachic.

It was agreed that these reports be presented to the Cor. Sec.y in duplicate.

elf-Support Statistics. It was also moved that the Cor. Sec.y compile the statistics of Self-Support asked for by the Prud. Com.

The meeting was adjourned.

Saturday, June second.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mssrs. Wright & Bissell were appointed Com. to report at this meeting (Annual) on steps to be taken in order to comply with the requirements of the Hand-Book in regard to the examination of newer missionaries in the vernacular.

eport on -enforcement and Distribution of Workers. The Com. on Re-enforcement & Distribution of Workers reported, recommending:-

1st; That the ordained missionaries on the field remain where they are.

2d; That we request the Board to appoint a new man to fill the place of Mr. Case.

3d; That we express to the Prud. Com. the earnest desire of the Mission that Rev. Horace W. Houlding be appointed to that position.

4th; That Mr. Wagner go to Hermosillo, unless it seem wise on the appointment of another man, that he go there.

This report was accepted & adopted.

The Training School.

The Director of the Training School at El Paso then reported in regard to the students received, and recommended the continuance of the following:-
Under full support; Se Hernández; J. Carrasco; F. Talamantes; J. Moya; M. Moya; D.A.Mata; J. Nava; J. Valencia B. Lucero; C. Ortega; E. Montoya.
With partial support:- Ramón Loya; S. Ibañez; M. Elias; H. Romero.

Day & Boarding-Schools.

A Com. consisting of Misses White, Prescott & Holcomb was appointed to report on the papers presented in regard to Day & Boarding-Schools.

Monday, June fourth.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Advisory Com. of Tr. School.

There followed the election of two persons to form the Advisory Com. of the Training School, being chosen Mssrs. Howl and & Eaton.

Report on Method of Holding Property of the Board.

The report of the Com. on Method of holding the Board's property was as follows:-
We recommend:- That all the real estate in Mexico now held in the names of individual members of this Mission be transferred to the American Board, and that the interests of said Am. Board in the matter of holding such property, be cared for by some one person, who may receive a power of attorney for this purpose.

This report was approved, and the same Com. continued, with instructions to consult further in regard to details, and to carry out the recommendation as far as possible.

"El Testigo."

The report of our paper, "El Testigo", was then given by Mr. Howland. Mr. Howland was elected Editor-in-chief for the ensuing year, with Mr. Bissell as first Assistant, and Sr. Miguel Magdaleno as second.

The editor was recommended to use the grant of $200 on hand, in the purchase of a new press & outfit, and he was authorized to sell the present outfit if by so doing he can help in securing the new one.

Departments in the paper were assigned as follows: Mrs. Case, The Home. Mrs. Eaton, Y.P.S.C.E. Mr. Eaton, Missions. Mrs. Olds, Current Events. Mr. Wright, Temperance.

The Constitution.

The Com. on revision of the Constitution reported. The report was accepted and it was moved to adopt the recommendations of the Com. and to appoint a Com. to redraft the Constitution in accordance with this report. Mssrs. Bissell & Eaton were apptd. such Com.

On Day and Boarding Schools.

The Com. on Day & Boarding Schools reported that it is an impossibility to arrange for uniformity in the school year in all the schools of the Mission.

The report was accepted and Misses White, Prescott, & Dunning were appointed to confer further and report more fully at the next Annual Meeting.

n Examination in the ernacular

The Com. on Examination of missionaries in the vernacular reported, recommending:-
That an Examining Committee of two be elected each year, whose duties shall be to arrange for the examination of new missionaries in accordance with the Hand-Book, and report the result of the same at the Annual Meeting.

This was adopted, and Mssrs Howland and Eaton were chosen as the Com. for this year.

tudent Work in acation.

It was moved that the Director of the Training School at El Paso take charge of the appropriation for Student ~~Work and that that student be allowed~~ summer work & the location of the student & that students be allowed. $12 Mexican money a month with board and travelling expenses.

The meeting then adjourned.

rs. Crawford. in ermosillo.

A short meeting was held in the afternoon of the same day, in which it was moved to appoint a Com. of two to formulate a recommendation in regard to the remaining of Mrs. Crawford at Hermosillo, and to draw up resolutions of sympathy with her in her bereavement.

Mssrs. Howland & Bissell formed the Com.

Tuesday, June fifth.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved

Estimates.

The Com. on Estimates for the next year presented a report, which was accepted & adopted, and ordered forwarded to the Prud. Com.

Teacher in Fuerte.

A motion was passed heartily endorsing the application of the Fuerte Station for an American teacher, and calling attention to the fact that our Estimates as now prepared, lack nearly $350 gold of the appropriation for last year, even after supplying the vacancies of Mr. Case and Miss Holcomb, and without any contingent list.

Out-Station El V. de S.B. transferred.

It was agreed to include the out-station of El Valle de San Buenaventura in the field of the station C. Juárez, the rest of the Sierra region being put in charge of the Chihuahua Station.

Delegate to the S.S. Convention.

Mr. Eaton was elected delegate to the next Annual Convention of Mexico, in San Lui Potosí, with Mr. Olds as alternate.

Location of of

The Native Helpers were located for the next year as follows:-

Chihuahua Station; F. Hernández, Chihuahua.
G. Rodriguez, Jimenez (for three mos.
Epitacio Madrid, Namiquipa.
C. Gonzalez, Guerrero.
T. Montoya, Atotonilco.

Jalisco, M. Magdaleno, Tlajamulco.
S. Ramos, Ayo.
L. Pacas, San Sebastian.
J. Lara, La Barca.

Hermosillo, Eugenio Rodriguez.
C. Juárez, J. Ibañez.
Students in vacation; S. Hernández, El V. de Zaragoza.
J. Carrasco, E. V. de San Buenaventura.

lace of Meeting. It was agreed to hold the next meeting at El Paso.

The meeting was adjourned, to meet at 2 P.M. of the same day.

The meeting was called to order at the time designated.

ime of Meeting. It was decided that the next Annual Meeting shall b be held near the first of June, at the close of the Training School year.

rogram Com. The resident missionary, together with Mr. Howland and Mrs. Eaton were appointed Program Com. for that time

eave of Absence. The application of Mr. Howland for leave of absence for three or four months was endorsed.

ppointment of ecturers. As Lecturers for th e Training School for the year Mssrs. Eaton & Bissell were appointed, with Howland & Olds as alternates.

pprobation to preach. By accord of the Mission the approbation of José Ibañez to preach, was extended for one year.

Wednesday, June sixth.

Thefollowing resolution was presented and adopted.

Resolution in regard to Miss Holcomb. Moved:- That in view of the retirement of Miss Mary L. Holcomb, we respectfully urge upon the Board the importance of appointing, as soon as possible, another lady teacher to take her place in the Girls' School in Chihuahua.

And we further desire to express our hearty appreciation of Miss Holcomb's ability and fidelityx in her work, and we deeply regret that her condition of health will not permit her to continue with us.

Memorial of Rev. M. A. Crawford. The Com. reported the following, which was accepted and adopted.

In view of the death of Rev. M. A. Crawford, a faithful and energetic member of the Mission for more than twelve years, and founder of the work in two of our Stations, we desire to give expression to our profound sense ofbereavement and loss.

We desire also, to express to our beloved associate Mrs. Crawford, our deep and heart-felt sympathy with her in this painful separation from her loving husband, praying that she may be ~~guided~~ divinely ~~kept and~~ comforted, kept and sustained in the hope of a joyous reunion with him who has gone before.

Mrs. Crawford in It was recommended that Mrs. Crawford be requested to remain at Hermosillo, if possible, until the arrival of a new missionary there. The recommendation was passed

bol in mosillo. It was moved that the Hermosillo school be not reopened until the arrival there of a married missionary, and that if one be not secured before the return of the Bissells from their vacation, Miss Burrows be requested to go to Fuerte with them.

w Constitution adopted. The report of the Com. on Revision of the Constitution was adopted by a three-fourths vote of the members present at this meeting.

Minutes were read & approved & meeting adjourned.

A. A. Wright - Secy.

J. L. B.
Rd. 6-13-95
Acknowledged and answered
Ans'd

MEXICAN MISSION.

ANNUAL MEETING held in El Paso, May 25-30, 1895,

Minutes condensed.

Saturday, May 25. 9: A.M.

After devotional exercises, the roll of the stations was called, and the following missionaries responded:

Chihuahua, - James D. Eaton, Miss Mary Hammond.
Guadalajara, - John Howland.
Parral, - Miss Nellie O. Prescott.
Hermosillo, - Alden B. Case.
El Paso, - Alfred C. Wright, Mrs. Annie O. Wright.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year.

President, - John Howland.
Vice Pres.. - A.C. Wright.
Recording Sec. - A.B. Case.
Cor. Sec. - - A.B. Case.
Treasurer, - - J.D. Eaton.

It was voted that a change be made in regard to this station, whereby El Paso be considered the station, and Juarez (heretofore named as the station) be considered as the out-station.

Brother Horace Wagner being present from Parral (although not as delegate) the Mission took action inviting him to participate as full voting member in this meeting.

Voted, that in case Mr. Wagner should wish to apply to the Board for a short leave of absence from his field the coming fall, the Mission heartily endorse such application.

Saturday, 2:P.M. Miss Hammond read an essay on "Our Mission Schools, whether they should all be of the same grade and character or whether one or more of them should not be developed into institutions for more advanced training of young women." The latter idea was well presented and favorably received, but no definite proposition was made on the subject.

An essay was read by Miss Prescott on "The Relation of Our Mission Schools to the Government". This subject was treated with special reference to the new law respecting private schools. While no action was taken, the general expression of opinion favored the modifying of our course of studies to conform with the government program.

Monday, May 27, 9:A.M.

The devotional exercises were led by Mr. Case.

In addition to those present on Saturday, were Mr. Bissell, of Fuerte, Mr. Olds, of Parral, and Miss Burris, of Hermosillo.

The committee appointed at the last an. meeting on Method of holding the Board's property, reported that as committee was to present the matter to the Mission at this meeting, communication with the Board had been deferred until the latter part of the year but on account of the death of Treas. Ward, further postponement has seemed best, and no action has been taken. Report accepted and committee continued. (Mr. Eaton).

The committee, also appointed last year, on the matter of including rents in the missionaries' salaries, reported, reading a

letter on the subject from Sec.Barton. Report accepted and com. discharged. On motion,Mr.Eaton was chosen as committee to present plan for arranging the matter,and report at this meeting.

The morning session was largely taken up in the presentation of the formal reports from the various stations. All were approved.

The attention of the Mission being called to certain reasons why in this country it would be best not to use the title "Reverend", it was voted to be the sense of this Mission that we omit this title in addressing one another.

Monday,2:P.M.

Mr Olds read a paper on the subject: "Boys Schools in the Mission." No little interest was manifested in the subject,and strong desire expressed that such a school should be established.

Florentino Piña,a native Bible colporter,made a statement before the Mission in regard to the openings for gospel work in the Sierra region, calling special attention to the inviting opportunity offered us in Batopilas.

Tuesday,May 28, 9:A.M.

Mr.Eaton,com.on matter of rents and salaries,reported ,stating plan. Report accepted and committee discharged. Further consideration of the subject was postponed and referred to the committee on estimates.

Mr.Bissell and Miss Prescott were chosen committee to prepare a testimonial with respect to Mrs.Crawford,and a memorial of Mrs.Olds.

On motion, Mr. Eaton was appointed committee on estimates.

Under the general subject of Distribution of workers for the coming year, requests for leave of absence were heard and approved:- Rev. and Mrs. Eaton for six weeks or two months, Mr. and Mrs. Case three months, or about, on account of illness of Mrs. Case, also Miss Burris for three months. All for the heated season.

The subject of whether the Mission should urge the appointment of Rev. H. B. Pratt to the work here, was discussed, but it was dropped as impracticable.

The Advisory committee for the Training school made in informal report, recommending that the services of Mr. Hoblit be not continued, and that Mr. Wright be requested to go forward with the school with the assistance of two students from the most advanced class, according to Mr. Wright's suggestion already expressed.

Voted that Mr. Wagner be asked to take up work in the Sierra region, making his home at the point which may seem best.

Voted that no change be made in the location of the other missionaries.

The secretary was instructed to communicate with Mr. Pratt, expressing the feeling of the Mission with regard to the matter of his proposed joining this work.

Tuesday, 2:P.M.

A Sketch of the Mission to Mexico prepared by Mr. Case, was read and considered. A vote was passed expressing thanks to the writer, and

recommending that the Sketch be presented to the Board for publication. It was voted that Mr.Case be authorized to dispose of the buggy in part owned by the Mission at Hermosillo,and invest the proceeds as may seem best to him in the interests of the work of the station.

An essay was read by Mr.Eaton on "What Should be the Chief Aim of Our Mission to Mexico." The paper was very suggestive.

Wednesday,May 29, 9:A.M.

The devotional service was conducted by Miss Hammond. Rev.Harace Houlding of the El Paso Cong'l church,Rev C.A.Hiland,of the Presbyterian church,and Rev.E.H.Ashmun,Supt.of Home Missions for New Mexico and Arizona,were present.

The location of Native workers was considered,and decided as follows:- Eugenio Rodriguez, transferred to the Parral field,-Zaragoza and vicinity, the change to be made on Mr.Olds' return in the fall. Mata Domingo, - Jimenez.

F.Hernandez, - Chihuahua.

Epitacio Madrid, - Sn.Buenaventura,with the proviso that he employ three fourths of his time in points outside of the village Cristobal Gonzales, Gurrero.to be continued only for three months. Tomas Montoya, to be discontinued as native helper within three months from present time.

Miguel Magdaleno - Tlajomulco.
Lino Paca, - - - San Sabastian.
Sabastian Ramos, - Ayo,Citala,etc.
(?) - - - Teocaltiche,etc.
José Ibañez, - - Juarez, after 3 months,meantime Zaragoza.
Julian Carrasco, - El Paso.
Sabastian Hernandez,Hermosillo field,after 3 mos. in the meantime to be employed in Parral.
Ignacio Lopez, for vacation, - Batopilas.

Voted,that the disbursement of funds for student vacation work be left to the Director of the Training School.

Voted, in regard to José Ibañez, that his Approbation to preach be extended another year.

Voted, that $50 (Mex.) be added to the estimates for annual meeting traveling expenses, the amount, if necessary, to be used for the purpose of bringing some native helpers to the meeting.

Chihuahua was chosen as place of next meeting, the time to be about the close of April.

Wednesday, 2:P.M.

The Mission had the pleasure of listening to an address by Rev.H. Houlding, who called our attention impressively to the fact that "God has Definite Spiritual Gifts for Definite Needs."

Mr.Howland addressed the Mission on matters regarding "El Testigo", his idea being that the paper should be as a general tract, designed for unbelievers, believers and workers, each number, as far as possible, complete in itself, that cuts be introduced as much as practicable, and that special numbers be gotten out occasionally.

The recommendations made by Mr.Howland were approved.

John Howland was elected editor for coming year.

Messrs.Bissell and Magdaleno, assistant editors.

Messrs.Howland and Eaton were elected as Advisory Com. for Tr.school

For Auditor, Mr.Wagner. Alternate, Mr.Wright.

Building Committee, Howland and Case.

Thursday, May 30, 9:A.M.

The committee on examinations in the vernacular reported that Miss Burris had been examined, and had passed well.

The committee on examinations, Eaton and Howland, were chosen to continue another year.

The committee on Estimates, Mr. Eaton, reported. It appeared that the Mission will ask for 1896 appropriations a sum something more than $1,000 (gold) less than that granted for the present year. The report was accepted and the committee instructed to forward the estimates to Boston.

On recommendation of Mr. Howland that the Board's property in La Barca and Chapala be sold, the Mission voted that the missionary in charge be authorized to attend to the matter as seems to him best.

Mr. Olds was elected as delegate from this mission to the Mexican Nat'l S.S. Convention for 1896. Mr. Howland, alternate.

On hearing from Domingo Mata a statement that for personal and family reasons he desires to be transferred to some field outside of Chihuahua, it was voted that he be located in the Hermosillo field, instead of S. Hernandez, and that Hernandez take Mata's place on his leaving Jimenez.

The following resolution was passed:- We recognize the urgent need of a house of worship for our church at Parral, and trust that the way may speedily be opened for the erection of such a building.

The minutes were approved, and the meeting adjourned to the call of next year's program committee.

Alden B. Case, Secretary.

J. L. B.
Rec'd 5-4-96
Ans'd

Annual meeting of the Mexican Mission, 1896.

Condensed Minutes.

Chihuahua, Apr. 23.

8; A.M. The session was opened by devotional exercises.

The roll of stations was called and responded to as follows:

Chihuahua. J. D. Eaton - Women's Work - Mary Dancing
Cusihuiriachic H. T. Wagner.
El Paso, A. C. Wright.
Fuerte — H. M. Bissell.
Guadalajara - J. Howland " " Bell M. Hawkins.
Hermosillo A. B. Case.
Parral — O. C. Olds. " " N. O. Prescott.

The following ladies of the mission were also present, Mrs. Eaton and Miss Hammond of Chihuahua, Miss Long, assisting in the work at this station, and Mrs. Wagner of the Cosi field.

The election of officers resulted as follows;

President - A. C. Wright.
Vice Pres. H. T. Wagner.
Recording Sec. A B Case
Cor. Sec. J. Howland.
Treasurer - J. D. Eaton.
Auditor - O. C. Olds.
Alternate " — A. C Wright.

It was voted that the unused appropriation for Girls school in the Parral field for 1895, amounting to $250 (Mex) be transferred to 1896, for the payment

of rent for a school building in Parral, an expense made necessary by the erection of a house of worship on the lot formerly occupied by the school.

The most of the morning was given to the presentation of reports from the stations.

The afternoon and evening sessions were devoted to reviews and discussions: Mr. Howland gave a review of Dr. Nevius' "Methods of Mission Work". It was felt by this mission that the little book offers suggestions for serious thought, and possible changes in our own methods.

Mr. Bissell opened discussion on the subject: For the present year of 1896 should the Tr. school, or the native helpers in the field, receive the larger share of the funds available?

Mr. Wagner introduced the question: What subjects should be emphasized in our preaching (1) to new hearers, and (2) to organized congregations?

A review of "The New Acts of the Apostles" by Dr. Pierson, was presented by Mr. Olds, and much enjoyed.

Messrs. Eaton and Wright were chosen com. on Estimates, to report at this meeting.

Apr. 24. 8:30. A.M. The first half hour was given to devotional exercises.

The Advisory com. for the Training school made a report which was accepted. — A motion was made that the director of the school be asked to carry

on the work from July 1st of this year until the next an. meeting, as best he may on the half appropriation received from the Am. Board.

Mr. Wright made a statement of his willingness to undertake this, if the mission desire, but at the same time setting forth the difficulties of the plan.

It was felt by some that it would be best to suspend the school for one year. On the other hand it ~~seemed~~ appeared to others that it would be preferable to sustain the training work, even at the expense of cutting off some native helpers. It seemed to the mission that it is a great injustice to the general work that the necessary reduction in expenses may not be shared in any degree by the woman's work

After serious discussion the motion was carried, Bissell, Howland and Olds, voting in the aff. Eaton in the neg. Wright, occupying the chair, not voting, Case, because of immediate retirement, not wishing to vote on questions affecting the future work, Wagner not voting because of doubt.

The question as to making Batopilas a station of the mission was considered to some length, and as result it was voted quite unanimously 'That the chairman and the treasurer (Wright + Eaton) in consultation with Mr. Case and others who are well informed, in the details of the situation, endeavor to supply the call in Batopilas for preachers and teachers on the basis of self support, without calling on the mission for w[illegible], or funds for salaries.

Howland, Wright and Olds were chosen com. on location of forces, american and native.

3: P.M. It was voted that, as there is to be no Natl S.S. convention this year, from chance of plan, the amount appropriated for sending a delegate from this mission be allowed to remain in the mission treasury and applied, when needed, to other purposes.

The subject of more thoroughly equipped and advanced schools for girls was considered to some length, but circumstances did not seem to warrant action by the mission.

A symposium was introduced by Mr. Howland on the subjects: What should be required of candidates for ch. membership? and when is it advisable to organize a church? Great caution was urged in receiving new members. Organization, even when numbers are few, was favored.

Messrs. Case and Eaton were made com. to prepare resolutions acknowledging to Mr. Stevens, of Batopilas, and also to Sr. Enrique Valenzuela, the appreciation of the mission, of the favors received from them in connection with our work at that place.

Messrs. Wright and Howland were chosen to represent the Mission at the Asamblea General de Obreros evangélicos in Mexico, to take place at the opening of the year 1897.

On view of the fact that the missionary

of the Sierra region is now residing in Guerrero instead of Cusihuiriachic, it was voted to change the name of that station from Cusi to Guerrero.

Apr. 25. 8:30 A.M.

After the devotional exercises a vote of welcome was extended to Miss Susan E. Dagget, President of the New Haven Branch of the Woman's Board, and she together with Miss Long now assisting in the work in Chihuahua, was cordially invited to participate in the discussions of this meeting.

The com. on location of forces presented the following partial report, which was adopted:- We recommend that the American workers continue in their present locations, with the understanding that Miss Burris' location is somewhat conditional on arrangements which may be made for other workers in Batopilas.

The com. on estimates reported on the division of the appropriations for the remainder of the present year, a schedule was presented showing a readjustment by which we are able to keep within the limit indicated by the Board, with the aid of the unexpended balance of Mr. Cano's salary, although, on account of the withdrawal of the aid of the Educational Society, the Training school was cut down one half.

The report was accepted.

Following this the Building com. reported to the effect that the plans for the new church building at Parral have been examined and approved.

Report accepted and com. discharged.

The committee on method of holding the Board's property, reported approving the form sent by the Board, to be signed by those in whose names the Board's property is held, and recommending that the property of this Mission be held according to the plan indicated.

Mr Howland reported in regard to the Pestigo. 150 more copies are printed than last year. The present list is 900. The report was followed by discussion and suggestions.

It was voted that Mr. Howland be asked to continue in charge of the "Pestigo" for the coming year, also that Mrs Eaton continue in charge of the Christian End. dept, and Mr. Eaton in that of Missions, Messrs. M. Magdaleno and J. Carrasco were chosen as associate editors.

3:- P.M., Miss Dagget address the meeting, expressing from that point of view in the home land why no reductions have been made in appropriations affecting woman's work. An expression of thought was asked as to the felt injustice in the distinction made, that she might be able to carry with her the view as seen from the field. It is believed by the mission that it would be of great advantage to the work as a whole on the field could the Woman's Board and the Am. Board become so closely identified that in the practical working in the field no distinction appears ~~in the field~~ between woman's work and the general work.

An essay was read by Mr. Wright on the subject: What shall be the relation of the mission to the Cong'l churches in Mexico? It should be fully understood that the mission and the churches are distinct organizations, although the closest of relations should exist between them.

It was recommended that the native workers should not be invited to attend the an. meetings of the mission, that, through a com. the mission should communicate every year with each church, that native helpers should not be considered as pastors, but as evangelists, responsible for a considerable field. and that we approve the organization of associations, such as the one now existing in Southern Chihuahua.

A vote was passed commending the general sentiments of the essay.

All reports from the stations having been read, it was voted that they be approved by the mission.

The following was passed, Moved that we recommend that the Board grant the claim of the Education Soc. for $187,50 for rent of property of the Pn school, from July to Dec. 1895; less $30,00 paid on repairs on property in that time.

The Mission heartily approved of the suggestion of Mr. Wright to pass the school

vacation in evangelistic touring, in company with one or two of the students of the school. The following items were passed=
Howland & Eaton - Advisory Com. on Tr. School
Eaton & Olds - Building com.
Parral - place for next meeting.
Time - The latter part of April.
Wright and Olds - Program com.

Mr. Bissell was asked, while on his return to Puerto to spend at least a day each in Hermosillo and La Colorada, calling the believers together and expressing the interest of the mission in them and their work, and our design to soon send them a leader.

Apr. 27.

The morning was occupied in a special conference of the mission with the native helpers, of whom some eight were present.

2:30 P.M. The following schedule of stations and native helpers was presented by the com. on location of forces, and adopted.

Chihuahua Station

Batopilas, church and school

J. M. Ibanez - It was recommended that the salary of Ibanez be made up of the offerings of the Batopilas church - #25 per month, and the salary given for the night school #30 or #35 a month with the understanding that if there is failure in

these, the mission provide the deficit to the extent of $30 a month,

Jimenez, Atolonilco, Santa Rosalia &c
Domingo Mata salary from Mission $30.
local offerings 7.
San Buenaventura, Local workers.

El Paso Station.

El Paso and Juarez & school
J. Carrasco — on school account,

Fuerte Station.

Hermosillo and La Colorada
Ignacio Lopez — salary — $30.

Guadalajara Station,

Plagarmuleo, San Sebastian, Cajititlan etc
Miguel Magdaleno — — — — $35.
San Miguel, Citalat, Ayo
Sebastian Ramos — — 25.

Guerrero Station,

Local ~~workers~~ & unpaid workers or Bible woman!

Parral Station,

Parral and vicinity. Sebastian Hernandez $30.
Zaragoza, church & school &c
Eugenio Rodriguez — — — 35.

Tuesday Apr 28.

A.M. — voted that if Mr Bissell after consultation and deliberation, wishes to make application for a lady teacher for El Fuerte, the mission heartily endorse such

an application.

Voted that the mission authorize Mr. Bissell to make such repairs on the property at Hermosillo station as the exigencies of the case may demand.

The Committee on examination in the vernacular made the following report which was accepted and adopted. - The com. have not considered it necessary to subject Mr. Wagner to a formal examination, having had ample opportunity to judge of his proficiency in speaking and writing the Spanish language. As all have noted, he has acquired in his year and a half of the work, a good degree of fluency in the use of the language, but your committee would hope that he might be able to secure the assistance of a competent teacher to ensure accuracy in grammatical construction and clearness of pronunciation. Com. J.D.E. & J.H.

In regard to the ~~The share of~~ tracts published by the Alianza Mexicana, it was voted that the share coming to this mission be divided among the stations as follows: Parral and Chihuahua each 20%, and 15% each to the other stations.

It was voted that the Mission endorse the request of the Guerrero station that the money appropriated for the teacher

in San Isidro, be devoted to help in the support of Doña Francisca Gonzalez as a Bible woman in Guerrero.

Voted that we introduce in the estimates the sum of $15 monthly, to be placed at the disposal of the Mission Treasurer for providing assistance in the work of his office.

Voted that Mr Bissell be asked to prepare lectures to be given to the students of the Pr School in connection with his trip to the next ann. meeting, also that Mr. Eaton be requested to continue with the course already inaugurated.

Voted that the Mission heartily endorse the suggestion that Mr. & Mrs Eaton arrange their work, if possible, so as to make a visit to the Hermosillo field.

Voted that $100 (mex) be appropriated to meet the expenses of the two delegates chosen from this Mission to the Asamblea General in 1897.

Mr. Wright & Mrs. Eaton were chosen coms on examination in the vernacular.

Voted that in view of the reduced appropriations, and of the greater relative importance of general evangelistic work to educational work, on account of conditions peculiar to Mexico, the policy of this Mission be not to carry on village schools at present and not to include in our estimates requests

for appropriations to be devoted exclusively to this branch of work.

Resolutions acknowledging favors shown to our workers in Batifilas by Mr. L. H. Stevens, and Sr. Enrique Velanguela, were adopted.

Voted that the matter of examinations at the close of the Pr. Sch. year be put entirely in the hands of the director.

P.M. The committee of estimates a list for 1897, which, making reductions at every possible point, calls for some #2000 gold less than the appropriation allowed for the present year. The report was accepted, and the com. requested to forward the estimates to Boston, and a copy to each station.

Mr. Howland was chosen com. to look after the matter of self support - collecting the statistics &c.

Voted that the constitution be amended, if so necessary, so that all cases relating to property be referred to the Building Com. either to be acted on by them, or presented to the mission as a whole.

Voted that the Corresponding Sec'y be also recording Sec'y. The minutes were approved.

later: voted that we authorize the missy now occupying the residence property in Chihuahua to rent the property as may seem to him best on his vacating the same

Alden B Case.
Rec. Sec'y.

Report on the Training School.

Your committee has visited the school, as the constitution requires, and would report that they consider the past year as perhaps the most successful one in all respects in the history of the institution.

The class of students is good, the work done has seemed to be laudable and a most excellent spirit seems to have prevailed among the young men. We make no suggestions or recommendations in regard to the future, as it would seem presumptuous for us to do so under the present circumstances,

Com. { J. Howland
J. D. Eaton,

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of the

MEXICO MISSION of the AMERICAN BOARD

for the year 1897-98.

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Com. on Training School, Howland and Eaton.

Com. on Examination in Ve., Mr. Eaton, Mr. Bissell and Mrs. Howland.

Delegate to S.S. Convention, A.C. Wright; Alternate, O. C. Olds.

Com. on Self-support, Howland and Eaton.

Com. on Manual, of Eaton and Howland.

Lecturers to Tr. School, Bissell and Eaton.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEXICO MISSION
of the American Board

Hermosillo, Sonora, Thursday April 1st, 1897.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mr. Wright, at 9:30 A.M., the members present being Messrs. Howland, Eaton, Wright, Olds, & Wagner, and Mrs. Wagner. Devotional exercises were led by the president.

The first business was the election of officers for the ensuing year, resulting as follows:-

President: J. Howland. Vice President: H. T. Wagner.

Recording Sec'y: A. C. Wright. Cor. Sec'y: A. C. Wright.

Treasurer: J. D. Eaton.

On motion of Mr. Eaton, it was resolved to invite all members of the mission present at the meeting, to participate in the deliberation and to vote during this meeting.

The retiring president then gave a report of the action of the missionon questions presented to it by correspondence, during the year.

Messrs. Howland & Olds were then elected to serve on the Building Committee, and Messrs Wagner & Howland were chosen as Com. Program of the public services to be held during the week.

The following endorsements of application for leave of absence were given:- Miss Long; to visit her home, during the school vacation.

Mr. & Mrs. Eaton

Mr. & Mrs. Eaton, for three months, from the middle of May.

Mrs. Wright, for medical treatment, if found necessary.

Mr. Olds, to visit his child.

After this, Mr. Eaton read an essay on, "Suggestions from the ond General Assembly of Ev. Workers in Mexico."

It was voted that Messrs. Howland & Eaton be appointed a committee draw up a statement of principles in regard to self-support, for ption by the mission.

Messrs. Eaton Wright were named by the Pres. as Com. on Estimate Olds & Wagner on Time & Place of next Annual Meeting.

The meeting then adjourned.

Thurs. April 1, 2:30 P. M.

Mr. Wagner opened the meeting with prayer. The minute of the ning session were then read and approved.

The Program Com. presented a partial report, which was accepted.

Mr. Olds read an essay on "Is the time approaching when the Mis- onaries may leave the Work in our chief Centers to Native Pastors, order to open new Work?"

The Building Com. reported repairs made on mission property used r the school in Chihuahua, and the report was acepted and the action pproved.

The representatives of the various stations then read reports th work done by the missionaries during the year.

It was moved and carried that Messrs. Eaton & Howland be appointed revise our Manual of Cong'l Churches, to prepare it for a new edi-n, and, if they can do so without asking for aid from the Board, publish the same.

The Com. on Examination in the Vernacular reported as follows:-

"We have examined Mrs. Wagner, and find that, through the lack a teacher much of the time, she has not made the progress that ld have been expected if one had been obtained. She manifests, ever, a most earnest purpose to master the language, and we believe t she will advance rapidly when under competent instruction. In w of the fact that the recommendation of the Com. of last year to Wagner has not been fully complied with, we would urge that he and Wagner be instructed by the mission to provide themselves with itable instructor as soon as possible, and continue their studies ing the coming year with greater regularity, taking lessons by respondence, if no other way be practicable."

This report was accepted and the recommendation adopted.

It was moved by Mr. Eaton that the Com. on Ex. in the Vernacular instructed to make provision for the examination, each year, of all bers of the mission. Carried.

The Committee on Ex. in the Vernacular was then elected, resulting in the choice of Messrs. Eaton, & Bissell and Mrs. Howland.

Mr. Eaton moved that we approve of the efforts to secure a revision of the Pratt Version of the Bible as recommended by the 2d General Assembly of Evangelical Workers in Mexico, and request our Board to appoint a representative of its own on the Com. of Revision, in addition to our present working force. Carried.

The meeting adjourned with prayer.

Friday April 2, 9 A. M.

Devotional exercises were led by Mr. Eaton.

After the reading of the minutes the various stations read their reports of work in the out-stations under Native Workers.

It was moved and carried that the Guadalajara station be authorized to use a part of the money received from the sale of property in La Barca, to secure a residence for the preacher in Tlajomulco, thus saving the rent now paid there.

The reports of the schools were then read, followed by that of the Advisory Com. of the Training School, which was ordered incorporated in the minutes. It is as follows:-

The Com. on Training School has visited the institution during

e year and are satisfied that, as compared with other years, the work
ne has been even more than usually satisfactory, the students re-
ined showing a good spirit, and doing good intellectual and evan-
listic work.Signed; J. Howland, J.D.Eaton.

The meeting then adjourned with prayer.

Friday, 2:30 P. M.

After prayer and the reading of the minutes, Mr. Eaton moved that
is the judgment of this mission that its schools ought to be car-
ed on for full ten months in the year; with the exception of the
aining School, which is expected so to arrange its course of study
to leave a considerable part of the year free for the employment of
students in direct evangelistic work with the churches and in op-
ng new fields. After full discussion, this was carried.

On Mr. Eaton's motion seconded by Mr. Wagner, it was resolved
tIn view of the fact that the location of the Training School was
luenced largely by the union of two societies in its support, and
t the Education Society has now withdrawn its support, we hardly
l that the mission would be justified in advising the purchase of
property in El Paso be the American Board.

The meeting then adjourned, after prayer.

Saturday April 3d, 9 A. M.

The meeting opened with devotional exercises and reading of min.

Mr. Wright then presented the following motion:- After further onsideration, and because I have discovered that my action and vote y in favor will inevitably be misconstrued, I move to reconsider the solution of yesterday in regard to the El Paso property of the Ed.Soc

This was carried, and Mr. Eaton moved the adoption of a sunsti- te for the resolution referred to one presented by Mr. Olds, which :- In view of the fact that some members of the mission are not sat- fied as to the advisability of taking ~~such~~ a step which will per- nently locate our Training School at El Paso, we do not recommend present, that the buildings be purchased by the American Board.

This was carried. Mr. Eaton then presented the following ition from the Chihuahua station;-

The undersigned, members of the Chihuahua station, respectfully uest that the Colegio Chihuahuense, for the better accommodation of boarding and day scholars, be allowed to make free use of that tion of the mission premises which was formerly occupied as a idence by the Eatons. Signed by all the members of the station.

After consideration of the subject Mr. Wright.moved, that the uahua property be arranged so as to leave the part at present pied by the school entirely separated from the other, in order to the remaining part, the money necessary for this purpose to be n from the fund for rent of Missionary residences, and the plans the changes to be subject to the approval of the Building Com.

This was carried. Mr. Olds then moved :- That we continue to
ant to Mr. Eaton the sum which may be received from the rent of that
rt of the mission premises recently occupied by himself & family,
view of the fact that he is charging no rent for the dwelling
ected by him. Carried.

Mr. Eaton presented a copy of an application to the Am Board for
e re-imbursement of $773.52 Mex. money, employed in 1890 in fitting
the residence on the mission premises in Chihuahua, and it was or-
red filed with the records of the mission.

Mr. Olds moved:- That having heard the application of Mr. Eaton
the Am. Board we recognize the justice of the claim, but, in view
having granted him the proceeds of the rental of said property,
ggest that he do not present the claim just yet.

It was moved and carried:- That the property of the Board now
ld in Mr. Case's name, be transferred to the Treas. of the mission,
suggested by Treas. Wiggin.

The Building Com. reported on the condition of the property in
rmosillo, recommending certain repairs. The report was accepted and
e recommendation adopted. The meeting adjourned with prayer.

Saturday 3, 2:30 P.M.

The meeting opened with prayer, and the minutes of last session.

Mr. and Mrs. Bissell, having just arrived after a very tedious
yage and long delays, were added to the number of members present.

The Com. on time and place of next meeting reported, and it was

greed to meet next year in El Parral, and as near the close of April s may be found convenient.

Mr. Howland reported for "El Testigo", after which the mission oted to continue the paper under the same managment as for the last ear.

It was moved and carried: That the salaries of all missionary milies on this field be reckoned on the same basis.-- also:

That the present basis of salaries for married missionaries is near the amount necessary as we can suggest.

Mr. Bissell presented the following: Resolved, that for the con- nuance of the Training School the same amount be asked as for last ear. Carried. The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Monday, April 5, 2:15 P.M.

After devotional exercises and the reading of the minutes, it was oved: That in view of the fact that the vacancy occasioned by the thdrawal of Rev. A. B. Case is not filled, we request the director the training school to shorten the term of study for the next hool year by several months, if possible, in order to extend the me of practical work on the field by himself and so many of the udents as may be employed to advantage in this service, with the vice of the Visiting Com., the necessary expenses to be met from e school's appropriation. Carried.

It was moved :- That we recognize the fidelity and good will th which the Wagners have filled the place in the Somora field du- ing a part of the last year, and we recommend that for the ensuing

year they be requested to divide their time, as nearly as practicable, between the Sonora and the Guerrero fields. Carried.

Mr. Wright presented the resolution:- That we recognize the good work done by Miss Burris in Batopilas, under peculiarly trying circumstances, and beleive that it has proved itself to be a success. And further:-That we recommend that she be provided with a Mexican assistant for next year, but that if, after consultation, she feel that she cannot thus carry on the work there, she be transferred to Guerte, unless that place be supplied by the Board, in which case, she to La Colorada, Sonora. Carried.

It was moved by Mr. Eaton: That Miss Long, for the coming year, be designated to Guadalajara. Carried.

The location of Native Helpers was then taken up, and the following was the result. Chihuahua station; F.z. Hernandez to Jimenez; José M. Ibañez to Batopilas. El Paso station; J. Carrasco to C. Ibarez. Guadalajara station; Miguel Magdaleno to Tlajomulco; Sebastian Ramos to San Miguel; Lino Paca to San Sebastian. El Parral station; Eugenio Rodriguez to Zaragoza and one un-named. A Bible woman approved for Guerrero.

It was recommended to allow the Chihuahua school $52 a month more the school year of ten months. Josefa de la Mora was approved assistant in Guadalajara and Francisca Porras in Parral.

It was moved and carried: That the fund for Student Work during vacation be left in the hands of the Director of the Training

chool, to be expended in work done by the students.

Messrs. Howland and Eaton were re-elected members of the Adviso-
y Committee of the Training School.

A. C. Wright was chosen as Auditor for the year, and Mr. Olds
as made alternate.

It was decided to send a delegate to the S.S. Convention in
ebla in 1898, and Mr. Wright was chosen, and Mr. Olds made alternate.

The written reports of the stations, as presented in duplicate,
re then formally approved, and the meeting adjourned with prayer.

Tuesday, April 6, 9 A.M.

Mr. Howland led the devotional exercises.

The Com. on Estimates presented its report, and it was moved to
cept the report and authorize the Com. to forward it to Boston. Car'd

It was moved and carried that we ask Mr. Olds to remain one day
nger in Hermosillo to oversee the repairs in process on the property
d that Mr. Bissell be requested to continue that work after Mr. Olds'
parture.

Messrs. Bissell and Eaton were appointed lecturers to the Train-
g School for the year.

The minutes for the whole meeting were then read and approved,
d, after prayer by Mr. Eaton, the meeting adjourned for the year.

J. L. B.
Rec'd 12-2-96
Ans'd

Program of 2nd Genl. Assembly of Evangelical Workers.
in Mexico City, Jany 27-31, 1897.

Wed. Jan. 27:—
6.30 - 7.30 A.M. Sunrise meeting, led by Arcadio Morales.
8.30 - 9.30 Prayer-meeting, led by P. Arellano.
9.30 - 12.30 Education of Ministers in Theo. Seminaries.
Bible Institutes
Day Schools as evangelizing agency.
3.00 - 5.30 P.M. Sunday School as it is in Mexico.
Address by B. F. Jacobs, of Chicago
Young People's Societies (Jno. Howland)

Thurs. Jan. 28:—
9.15 - 12.30 Results of "Self-Support" in Mexico until now
Duty & Privilege of all our Chrs in the matter
Methods which might be profitably employed
Effects produced by Self-Support.
3.00 - 4.30 P.M. Addresses by representatives of For. Boards
4.30 - 5.00 Character of Literature needed here.

Friday, 29th:—
9.15 - 12:30, Relations amongst different Evan. Chrs.
3.00 - 5.00 P.M. Need of one Spanish version of the Bible
Character & Value of the different versions.

Sat. 30th 9:15 - 12.30. Medical Work: cost & results.
Compared with other agencies
Woman's Work for Women & Children.

Sunday, 31st:—
Union meetings morning & evening
Every week night, preaching in English & Spanish
Essays & Discussions of the Assembly, in Spanish.
Prayer-meetings 6.30 - 7.30 & 8.30 - 9.15, every day.

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M I N U T E S

Adopted by Correspondence during the Year.

Action was taken by correspondence, at various dates during the year, and duly reported to the Mission in the same way.

By
Mr. Wright

Moved:- That Mr. Howland be our representative in the Committee of Revision of the Pratt version of the Bible, provided that it do not take more than two hours daily of his time.

Miss Dunning's request for leave of absence on account of the serious illness of her father, was endorsed.

The request of Mr. Howland to the Board to grant $25 (Mex.,) toward the expenses of his trip to attend a meeting of the Com. of Revision, was approved.

Moved:- That Mr. Bissell be requested to spend at least two weeks in special services in the Sonora field, either going to or returning from the Annual Meeting.

Moved:- That the salary of Ignacio López be raised to $40 (Mex.) a month.

That Mr. Wagner be instructed to secure, if possible offers on the property of the Board in Cusihuiriachic, and to report on the same at our Annual Meeting in March.

That each station of the Mission where there is any building owned by the Board, prepare plans of all such buildings drawn to scale, and send the same to the next Annual Meeting, for the use of the Building Committee.

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Guerrero Station, H.T.Wagner.

Parral ,, , Otis C. Olds, and wife and Miss N.Prescott

The Secretary then read the record of motions adopted by the Mission through correspondence during the year.

Officers for next year

Officers were then elected for the ensuing year, as follows:-

Presidents:- J. Howland.

Vice-President:- O.C.Olds.

Treasurer:- J.D.Eaton.

Recording and Corresponding Secretary:- A.C.Wright.

Auditor:- A.C.Wright: Alternate:- O.C.Olds.

Com. on Estimates and on Meeting.

The President and Treasurer were appointed Committee on Estimates, and Messrs Wright and Bissell, Committee on Time and Place of next Meeting, and Messrs Olds, Howland and Wright, Committee on Distribution of Forces for the year.

Mr. Wagner moved:- That Mrs. Olds be invited to be present and participate in the discussions in the sessions of this Meeting. Carried.

The reading of the reports of the stations was called for, and they were read.

Messrs Eaton and Howland were appointed Committee on

Docket. The session was closed with prayer.

Friday, Mach. 25, 3 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by the President, and opened with prayer.

The Committee on Self-Support presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted.

"The Committee appointed by the Mission at its last meeting, to prepare a statement for publication in Spanish, giving expression to the thought and purpose of the Mission in regard to Self-Support, feels after careful deliberation, and in view of the fact that this whole question is now under earnest discussion by the representatives of various denominations in Mexico, that it is not expedient to make a deliverance upon the subject at present." Signed, J. Howland.
J. D. Eaton.

The Building Committee also presented its report, which was accepted and adopted, and the Committee discharged, but, by ballot of the Mission, was re-eledted for the ensuing year. The report was as follows:-

"The Committee on Building and Property would report that the order of the Mission was carried out in regard to the purchase and repair of property for a residence in Tlajomulco. According to a carefully made estimate, there was to have been over a hundred dollars left over from the sale of the property in La Barca; but as soon as changes were begun it was found that it would be throwing away money to prodeed without tearing down several walls that had appeared sound but were, in reality, without foundation, and unsafe. As a result, the total expenditure barely came within the amount left after paying for expenses in connection with the sale of the property in La Barca. Plans of the property are at the disposition of the Mission.

Your Committee recommend that the damage caused in January last, by winw, to the property in Cusihuiriachic, be repaired; the estimate made by Mr. Wagner being from twenty-five to thirty dollars. We re-

commend that the property be sold as soon as its cost in Mexican silver can be wholly or nearly replaced, and that Mr. Wagner be authorized to negociate for such sale." Signed J. Howland.
Otis. C. Olds.

The Committee on the Preparation of a new Spanish Manual of Congregationalism reported that it had made considerable progress, but had not been able to conclude the work.

The report was accepted, and the Committee continued.

Mr. Howland then reported orally for our paper, making suggestions and including, incidentally, a report of his work as our representative on the Committee of Revision of the Pratt Version of the Bible; both subjects were discussed at some length by the Mission.

Mr. Wright moved:- That we continue the paper, "El Testigo", for the year, under the same management as for the last, and that a Committee be appointed to investigate the subject of a possible union with the Presbyterians in a paper, and to report to the Mission in regard to the practicability of such a scheme. Carried.

Messrs Wright and Eaton were appointed on this Committee

Mr. Eaton moved: That the Cor. Sec'y be requested to express to the Secretaries of the Board our desire to have the statistical reports correspond with the calendar year, and so, with that for which our appropriations are made.

The session wasc closed with prayer.

SATURDAY MARCH 26. 8:30 A.M.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Mr. Olds.

At nine o'clock the meeting was called to order by the President, and the minutes of the preceding day were read and approved.

The Committee on Distribution of Forces presented the following report:-

Your Committee would recommend:- That the Wagners be requested to move to Hermosillo, and take charge of the Sonora, the move to take place as early as October next.

That the other missionaries remain stationed as at present.

That of the Native Helpers the following changes be made:- To work for the whole year:- Ignacio M. López, (at $60) in Batopilas; José M. Ibañez,(at $50) in Guerrero field; Isabel P. Balderas in S. Buenaventura; Jesús J. Valencia in El Fuerte field; Jesús Nava,(at $40?)?) in Hermosillo field.

For the Vacation:- F. Ponce, Santa Rosalía and Zaragoza; M.Elias in Dolores; D. Molina in Namiquipa. These last to be subject to modification by the Director of the Training School.

The report was accepted and taken up for discussion. Various plans and changes were suggested and the subject was finally laid on the table for decision at another session.

The report of the Advisory Committee of the Training School was read by Mr. Howland, and accepted. It was as follows:-

"Both members of the Committee on the Training School have been in constant communication with the director and have visited the School as the Constitution directs.

Although the attendance has been limited by the smallness of the appropriation, the work done seems to have been excellent in character and rapid in its progress. A gratifying spirit of seriousness and earnestness seems to have ~~pervaded~~ prevailed among the students, perhaps more than ever before. We wish it to be understood that the brevity of the report does not imply any lack of interest or approbation on the part of the Committee; but, quite the contrary, our cordial approval and satisfaction.

In view of the very pleasing success of the experiment of somewhat extensive tours made by the director and students last year, your Committee is inclined to recommend a continuance of the same general plan for the coming season." Signed, J. Howland.
James D. Eaton.

A request was presented by the Chihuahua Station in regard to changes of the property desirable for the better accommodation of the Boarding School at that place. The subject was referred to the Building Committee, for its recommendation before taking action on it.

Mr. Olds spoke of the school work begun by our helper at Las Cuevas, and asked for advice in regard to the tuition received there. It was moved:- That in view of the extra expense incurred during the year by this helper on account of serious sickness in the family, we consent to his receiving, for the present, the tuition paid in the school in addition to his salary, but insist that all members of the Mission conform to the rule of the Board, and report to the Mission all monies received on the field.

Mr. Olds also presented a petition from Mr. Blachly, asking that we print the tract entitled "Even so, Come!"

Mr. Bissell moved:- That Mr. Olds report to him that the Mission is unable to undertake that work.

The session closed with prayer.

SATURDAY MARCH 26. 2 P.M.

After prayer, the meeting was called to order by the President.

The subject of the Distribution of Forces, which had been laid upon the table, was taken up, and the first and second recommendations of the report of the Committee were adopted by ballot, after which the report, as a whole, was adopted.

The Committee on Examination in the Vernacular the reported as follows:-

"Your Committee has examined the two members of the Mission who were liable to receive such attention on account of the length of their terms of service, one having completed a full year since she was commissioned, and the other having served for more than two years.

In regard to Miss Long, the Committee would report that she has made very commendable progress in acquiring the language, both theoretically and practically, and would recommend that she continue her studies with care, reserving for the purpose such time as may be needed, and not giving all her strength to the school.

As respects Mrs. Wagner, it is to be regretted that owing, in part, to unfavorable circumstances, she has not advanced much in the language. Your Committee earnestly urges that a competent teacher be engaged by Mrs. Wagner, as soon as her state of health may permit, to give her systematic instruction in the Spanish.

Further, the chairman of your committee acknowledges with considerable shame and regret that the action taken by the Mission one year ago, favoring the adoption of some plan for examining all of the missionaries, without regard to the length of service, was wholly forgotten by him, and was brought to his mind only by a suggestion from the secretary a few days before this meeting. Such carelessness was inexcusable, and the chairman begs pardon for his failure to act in the direction indicated."

Signed. James D. Eaton.
Henry M. Bissell.

(Mrs. Howland reporting in part from Guadalajara.)

The report of the Committee was accepted, and the Committee continued for another year with the same instructions

Mr. Wright moved that a Committee be appointed to present, on Monday morning, an amendment to the Constitution, providing for the substitution of the Advisory Committee of the Training School, now changed from the original intent by the withdrawal of the Education Society, by one which shall report on all of the schools of the Mission.

This was adopted, and Mr. Wright and Miss Dunning were appointed as the Committee.

The Committee on Time and Place of next Meeting reported recommending El Paso as the place, and the time to be as near the first of April as convenient.

This was accepted and adopted, and the exact time left to a Committee of Program, to consist of the President and the missionary at the place of meeting.

The session was closed with prayer.

MONDAY MARCH 28, 9 A.M.

After devotional exercises and the reading of the minutes, the report of the Committee on Ameddment to the Constitution was read by Mr. Wright, and accepted.

It was moved, and carried, that the Constitution be amended as follows:- That Article IV, Sections 7 and 8 be omitted and Section 7 be introduced to read:-

"COMMITTEE ON SCHOOLS. There shall be elected at each Annual Meeting, a Committee of three, on member of which, at least, shall be a lady teacher, whose duty it shall be to inform itself in regard to the condition, expenses and receipts, teaching force, pupils and curriculum of each of the schools of the Mission, and to present a written report of the same to the Mission at its Annual Meeting, together with such suggestions and recommendations as it may deem best."

Mr. Wright then moved that Section 8 be introduced to read as follows:-

"The President, Secretary and Treasurer shall form an Executive Committee, with authority to act for the Mission in cases of urgency, when, in its opinion, loss would be incurred by the Mission through waiting to secure the full vote by correspondence; but they shall always secure the opinion of as many of the stations as possible before taking such action, and shall immediately report to the Mission any action taken in this way."

This was adopted.

The Committee on Schools, in accordance with the new clause, was then elected, to consist of J. Howland; Miss M.L.Hammond; and J.D.Eaton.

The Building Committee reported a plan for the re-arrangement of the property in Chihuahua for the better accom-

modation of the Boarding School. The report was accepted, an

and the recommendations adopted. The report is as follows:-

"The Committee on Building and Property has long felt, as doubtless has ~~Y~~ the whole Mission, that the arrangement of the property occupied by the Colegio Chihuahuense is unfortunate and calculated to hinder rather than aid in carrying on the important and gratifyingly successful work of the institution. No suggestion of radical changes has been made solely because your committee saw no prospect of agreement on any such plans But, having reason to believe that some plan can now be formed that will be more acceptable than the present arrangement, we recommend:-

1st. That the Mission property in Chihuahua be divided from north to south, taking for the School the five rooms forming the two-story part, and giving up the four rooms in the southwestern section, and enough of the southern court to form a small corral; completely isolating the two properties, taking away both flights of stairs and placing them on the eastern side of the two-story part; building a wall two yards high around the outer edge of the upstairs piazza, and closing the door and passage that now connect the two parts.

2d. That additions and improvements be made in the property of the school to the amount of six hundred dollars, silver, to be taken from the fund accumulated by the assessment for rent, with the further addition, if necessary, of what can be secured by the lengthening of the school vacation for this year, by two months.

3d. That the vivienda thus formed be reserved for the local missionary, to be occupied by him or rented to others, as he may prefer.

4th. As suggestions in regard to changes, we would mention:- Covering the landing and stairway leading to the dormitories; closing the dormitory windows with the exception of a transom for light and ventilation; the removal of the balconies, and the opening of two windows toward the west; the removal of partitions, changing of doors etc., to arrange for suitable kitchens and dining rooms for the pupils and teachers; the building of a new class room; and the providing of an office and a bath room; details for these or other changes to be arranged by the directors and the local missionary in consultation with and with the approval of the Building Committee."

Signed. J. Howland.
O.C.Olds.

It was moved:- That the Treasurer be authorized to

apply money from that accumulated from the rent of the Her-

mosillo property, to pay the assessment, if made, for the improvement of the streets in front of said property. Carried

Moved:-That Mr. Bissell be requested to oversee such repairs as he find necessary to make to the property in Hermosillo, and that funds for the purpose be taken from the rent received from the property. Carried.

Moved:- That rooms for the Ibañez family be placed at their disposal in the Cusi. property, until the removal of the Wagners to Hermosillo. Carried.

Moved:- That such of the students as be employed in the field for a term longer than the usual vacation, be assigned a course of study by the Director of the Training School, and be examined in the same on their return to the school.

Mr. Eaton moved: That the sum of $100 Mex. from the Parral appropriation for schools be used to help complete the church (and school) building in Zaragoza, on the ground that this building furnishes a room for a school, and on the condition that the entire property be turned over to the American Board. Carried.

Moved:- That the out-station of El V. de S. Buenaventura be transferred from the oversight of the Chihuahua station to that of El Paso. Carried.

Mr. Bissell moved: That in view of the difficulties existing in the church at Las Cuevas, Mr. Olds be requested to take steps toward securing for the Board the title to the church building and property in that place, if this can be done without asking any special grant from the Board. Carried

Moved:- That the Bible Society be requested to re-appoint D. Florentino Piña as colporteur to work in Sonora in connection with the missionary whom we are sending there. Carried. The session then closed with prayer.

MONDAY MARCH 28, 3 P.M.

The meeting was opened with prayer.

The Committee on Estimates made a report which was nearly complete.

Mr. Eaton moved: That we include the amount requested by the Fuerte station, to make it practicable to receive applicants in the school at that place, made from those living outside of the city. Carried.

The report of the Committee on Estimates was accepted, and the Committee was continued to prepare it in proper form and forward to Boston.

The Committee on the preparation of a new Spanish Manual for our churches asked for an expression of opinion on several points to be included; a general discussion followed.

It was moved: That it is the sense of the Mission that it is better to omit the phrase "He descended into hell" from the Apostles' Creed. Carried.

Mr. Bissell moved: That a Committee be appointed to edit and publish the station reports for the last year.

The motion prevailed and Messrs Bissell and Howland were elected on the Committee.

Moved:- That Mr. Eaton be appointed to communicate with the Secretaries of the Board in regard to the Mrs. Tank legacy, and present the urgent need of the Mission, first: Of a missionary residence in Guadalajara; and, second: Of property at some point in Mexico for the Training School.

The motion was carried.

It was moved: That the Secretary renew to the Prudential Committee our earnest request for the speedy appointment of a man to fill the vacancy caused by the going of Mr. Case. Carried.

After the reading of the minutes of all of the sessions of this Annual Meeting, and their approval, the meeting adjourned for the year with a season of prayer by all.

OFFICERS and COMMITTEES

for the Year.

Presidents,	J. Howland.
Vice President~~s~~,	O.C.Olds.
Treasurer,	J.D.Eaton.
Rec. and Cor. Sec'y,	A.C.Wright.
Auditor,	A.C.Wright.
Alternate Auditor,	O.C.Olds.
Building Com.,	J. Howland and O.C.Olds.
Com. on Manual,	J.D.Eaton and J. Howland.
Manager of "El Testigo",	J. Howland.
Com. on Union of Periodicals,	A.C.Wright and J.D.Eaton.
Com. on Ex. in Vernacular,	Messrs. Eaton and Bissell and Mrs. Howland.
Committee on Schools.	J. Howland, Miss M.L. Hammond, and J.D.Eaton.
Com. on Printing Station Reports,	H.M.Bissell and J.Howland.
Com. on Tank Legacy,	J.D.Eaton.

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MEXICO MISSION of the AMERICAN BOARD

held in

El Paso, Texas, April 20 - 24, 1899.

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9 A.M. Thursday. After devotional exercises led by the President, Mr. Howland, the meeting was called to order wit the following members present:-

Chihuahua:- J.D.Eaton,D.D. and Miss A.J.Burris.

Members El Paso:- Mr. and Mrs. A.C.Wright.

Fuerte:- Mr. and Mrs. H.M.Bissell, and Miss Miller.

Guadalajara:- J. Howland and Miss Belle Haskins.

present. Hermosillo:- H.T.Wagner.

Parral:- Mr. and Mrs. Olds.

After this the election of officers was held, resulting as follows:- President, J.Howland. Vice-President, O.C.Olds. Secretary (Corresponding and Recording), A.C.Wright. Treas. J.D.Eaton,D.D. Auditor, J. Howland. Alternate, A.C.Wright.

3. The reports of the various stations were then read and

Reports approved.

3. It was moved and carried That the written reports of

4. the stations de made to include the time up to the Annual

5. Meeting of each year.

Uniformity Moved that a Committee of two be appointed to recommend

6 measures to be adopted to secure uniformity in the Statisti-

7 cal Reports of the stations.

Reports

Messrs Wright and Eaton were appointed as Com.

The following Committes were then announced by the Pres.

On Docket:- Bissell and Wright.

On Estimates:- Eaton and Olds.

On Time and Place of next Meeting:- Mr. Wagner and Miss Haski

Distribution of Forces:- Olds and Bissell.

The meeting then adjourned until 3 P.M.

to April 20, 3 P.M.

After devotional exercises, the meeting was opened by th Pres. and the Com. on Uniformity in the Statistical Reports presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

1. We would recommend that fractions of dollars be omitted in all money reports.

2. That "Students for the Ministry" be understood to include only those who are under instruction at the station reporting, not those sent from that place to another for instruction.

3. That students employed during vacation be not included under the head of "Native Workers."

4. That monies received for Board etc of students in Boarding Schools be reported under "Contributions for Education".

5. That the report of sums received from the sale of Scriptures and books be included in the written report when given, instead of the statistical, where no columns are provided for them.

6. That we request the Board to instruct us as to just what is intended to be included in the last column- "Appropriation of Board for Churches and Education."

7 That we also ask the Board for a definition of the term "Out-station". (Signed) A.C.Wright; J.D.Eaton.

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It was voted to approve of Miss Burris' request for leave of absence during the summer vacation of two months, with continuance of her salary for that time, and with the possibility of staying a year, but in that case without the salary after the summer vacation.

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Miss Long's request for leave of absence from the field for the summer vacation was also endorsed.

Mr. Bissell explained to the mission that in his request to the Board for leave of absence he had not intended to ask for more than the continuance of his regular salary during his absence, which was approved.

It was moved and carried: "That we ~~request~~ recommend to Miss Prescott to request leave of absence of the Board during the vacation time at no expense to the Board beyond her regular salary.

The Com. on the Tank Legacy presented its report, which was accepted and committee discharged.

Report on the Tank Legacy.

Your Committee has already reported to the several stations the result of correspondence had with Sec'y J.L.Barton, Dist. Sec'y A.N. Hitchcock and James W. Porter Esq. of Chicago, the trustee of the fund.

In brief it is, that, although Mr. Porter supposed the legacy would afford special help to our Mission, to the extent of $2000 (?) gold, the Prud. Com. were constrained, by straightened pecuniary circumstances, to use the amount in paying the appropriation for "general work" on this field, as stated by Dr. Barton, in a letter to the undersigned.

(Signed) J.D.Eaton.

The report of the Com. on Printing Station Reports was presented in the shape of the printed reports, and accepted.

The following Report of the Com. on Publication of "Manual" was presented and accepted.

After securing a careful revision of the text of the Manual which was prepared in 1886, a new edition was published in February 1899, of 1000 copies, at an expense of about $140 Mexican, which sum is expected to be provided for without expense to the Board. Copies have already been called for from California, Florida and Cuba, besides those which have been purchased by representatives of other denominations.

(Signed) J.D.Eaton. J. Howland.

The meeting then adjourned until the 21st.

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9 A.M. Friday, April 21.

After devotional exercises and he reading of the minutes it was moved and carried that the President and Dr. Eaton be requested to call on Miss Miller andexpress the regret of the Mission that she is unable to attend the meeting on account of her health, and to ascertain her thought in regard to continuance in Mission work.

The report of the director of "El Testigo" was then pre-

sented and accepted, as follows:-

"El Testigo."

As the paper is seen by all the Mission, little need be said. Believing it important to make the paper more attractive, a new supply of type has been secured, the old being sold for half-price. Department headings have been secured, and the make-up of the paper changed somewhat, with the hope of making the paper more interesting and useful. These matters have involved considerable expense, but it is hoped to cover it all without any increase of appropriation. During last year our press printed "El Amigo de la Verdad", the organ of the Adventist Mission, thus helping out the appropriation. This year quite a little job work is being done, with the same object in view. Much praise is due to the printer, Pablo Suárez, for his care and devotion. An effort has been made to secure more cooperation from our native workers, and it is believed that the result has been satisfactory. There has been a falling off in many directions in the number of suscribers, so that we are, at present, printing only 600 copies. This is due in part to the competition of other papers and the reduction has been increased by a rigid cutting off of all except those who either paid in advance or gave a definite promise to pay at a certain time. Many who had subscribed a year or two ago, were receiving the paper, but had not paid. Many of these are paying up, but not nearly all.

The director of the paper thought best toaccept the offer of the "Esforzador Mexicano" to combine, though with the understanding that such an arrangement meant that the new paper would climb up on the back of the older one, and the reduction was 33 1/3 % on our paper and only 20 % on the other. The result has been some new suscribers but quite a little loss of income.

Your Committee respectfully requests a careful consideration of the subject, whether or not it is best to continue the competition which grows sharper year by year. The paper, we believe, has a character of its own, which is an important leaven in the Gospel mass, but whether it warrants the expenditure of time, effort and money is a question that should be carefully weighed.

(Signed) J. Howland.

The report of the Com. on Schools was then presented and accepted. (It will be found on another page.)

Moved that the Com. on Schools be requested to prepare the blanks recommended in their report, and present it to the Mission by correspondence.

The following Report of the Building Com. was then read and adopted.

Your Com. would report that the changes recommended in the Chihuahua property were carried out for the most part; some modifications of the plan being proposed by those most interested and accepted by the Committee. The result has apparently been quite satisfactory.

Your Committee would recommend the approval of a bill of $34.25 incurred by Mr. Wagner in making some changes in the Hermosillo property and paid for out of the rent received; but we would urge that all modifications in mission property be first presented to the Committee, unless entirely trivial or immediately necessary.

(Signed) J. Howland. O.C.Olds.

It was voted to approve of the bill for repairs as recommended by the Building Committee.

It was moved and carried: That the Mission recommend to the Board that if possible the property in El Paso be bought of the Education Society for the Training School.

A letter from Sr. Julián Carrasco, resigning his position, was then read. Mr. Howland was appointed Com. to consult with him and report to the Mission.

The meeting then adjourned until the afternoon.

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3 P.M. Friday, April 21.

After devotional exercises, greetings were read from Messrs. Case, Reese, Birlew and Ibañez.

The report of the Com. Union of Periodicals was read and adopted. It was as follows:-

Report on Union of Periodicals.

Your Committee reports a conversation of its chairman with Mr. Brown, of "El Faro", held in Toluca, last July, in which it was ascertained that Mr. Brown knew of no objection to such union as was proposed, by which a definite portion of each issue of "El Faro" should placed at our disposal, the material for it to be supplied by us.

Still your Committee would not advise such union:-

1 Because it would reduce in nothing the expense to us. The Presbyterians have a grant for their paper so much in excess of ours that our full appropriation would entitle us to a comparitively small part of the paper.

2. It would still require considerable time on the part of some missionary to edit our par

3. Our own paper is continuously improving, and has made for itself a most favorable record outside as well as within our denomination.

4. Our paper has an excellent character of its own, distinct from that of any other evangelical paper in the country, which it would lose, in a large degree, by fusion.

(Signed) A.C.Wright, J.D.Eaton.

The following resolution was presented by Dr. Eaton, and adopted by the Mission.

"Some inquiries having been made in regard to the proper interpretation of portions of the second paragraph on page "5" of the Handbook the Mission hereby expresses its understanding, that the phrase "femal delegate" does not limit the choice of a station to one of the unmarried ladies as a representative of "woman's work"; and, further, it deprecates the making of any distinction among its members, on the ground of sex, or the interpretation of the words of the Handbook as making such a distinction. The Mission is proud of its record in the past, in this respect; and it has cheerfully accepted certain limitations imposed by the Board, simply for the purpose of promoting as far as possible the well-being of the general work, as carried on by the various Missions of the Board."

On the same subject, Mr. Olds presented the following resolution, which was also adopted.

"That we favor and urge the presence of all the missionaries at our Annual Meetings, and we invite their participation in all deliberations as far as may be done without giving undue influence to any one station."

Report of Com. on Examination in the Vernacular.

Accepted and recommendations adopted.

Under the rules of the Board, three of the most recently appointed ssionaries are liable to examination,- two, Miss Miller and Mrs. Olds, r the first time, and one, Miss Long, for the second. Owing to her ticipated release from further connection with the Mission, the first med has not received attention from your Committee. The other two ve each been requested to (1) write from dictation, (2) translate fro e English an article selected by the Committee, and (3) write an iginal essay on some topic chosen by the person under examination.

Regardin Miss Long,- her study of the language has continued under mpetent instruction, and she has made commendable progress in its rther acquirement.

As to the attainments made by Mrs Olds;- The Committee is pleased note an encourageing degree of progress. Her pronunciation is good d a considerable vocabulary has been acquired. Further and careful udy, under a competent instructor of the construction of sentences, specially as determining the choice of tenses of the verb, is impor- nt. The Committee is glad to notice the evident spirit of pains- king, and the desire to improve, and regards as commendable the ad- nce that has been made by one, who, during her first year's resi- nce in the country, has been called to assume the multiform responsi- lities of a wife and a mother.

With respect to an exarination of all the other missionaries, which was favored by vote at our last annual meeting, though not ex- cted by the Board,) we would suggest, that, each one who is present t this meeting be asked to translate, at sight, from English to Spanish the hearing of the others, who will then be invited to call atten- ion to the errors which they may have observed.

For the future, we would advise that some excellent book, perhaps e treating of some branch of natural science, be recommended soon r ~~the~~ careful by all members of the Mission during the year with the nderstanding that before the next Annual Meeting each one is to be xamined, in some way suited to disclose the linguistic profit that ay have been derived from such study.

(Signed) James D. Eaton, Henry M. Bissell

The members present at this meeting were then examined in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee.

The meeting then adjourned until the following day.

9 A.M. Saturday, April 22.

Building Com. The meeting was opened with devotional exercises, after which the Building Committee for the ensuing year was elected to be composed of Mesrs. Howland and Eaton.

Amendment to Constitution. It was moved to amend the Constitution as follows:- That Article IV Section 7 be changed to omit the words,- "one member of which, at least, shall be a lady teacher",- (referring to the Committee on Schools.

The motion was carried.

The Committee on Schools was then elected, to consist of J. Howland; Mrs. Eaton; and O.C.Olds.

Mr. Howland was re-elected as Manager of El Testigo.

Miss Miller's request to the Board for leave of absence on account of ill health, for an indefinite length of time, was approved, and the Mission recommended that the Board meet her necessary expense of travel to her home in British Honduras.

Moved and carried, that we extremely regret the ill health of Miss Miller which makes necessary her leaving the work, as indicated above.

Increase of Teaching Fr. It was moved and carried:- "That we respectfully urge the Prudential Committee of the Am. Board to send us an ordained missionary to assist Mr. Wright in the Training School and in case of difficulty or delay in finding a suitable man,

to grant us an appropriation of $600 gold for the employment of some American teacher for the coming year, leaving Mr.Wright to secure a suitable person.

Time and Place

The Com. on Time and Place of next Annual Meeting reported in favor of the second week in April, and to meet in Chihuahua. This was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on Distribution of Forces reported, recommending that no change in the location of the missionaries be made. This was accepted and approved. The location of the various native helpers was left for decision later.

The meeting then adjourned until afternoon.

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3 P. M. Saturday April 22.

The President reported as the result of his consultation with Carrasco, that he would continue in the school if not required to take charge of the church work in Ciudad Juárez.

School in Batopilas.

Moved: That the Chihuahua Station be authorized to investigate further the subject of re-opening the school in Batopilas, with a native teacher, and, if practicable, to arrange for the ppening of the school. Carried.

Moved: That a Committee of two be appointed to present to the Mission some plan of inter-visitation, by which each station may be visited periodically by missionaries from the other stations, a report of such visits to be made at each Annual Meeting. Carried, and Wright and Bissell apptd.

Correspondence School

Moved:- That in case the Board cannot provide the increase of taching force in the Training School requested, the Director of the School be authorized to organize a Correspondence School instead of opening the school at El Paso next fall, and to have direction of the work in the field of the more advanced of the students, the expense for the same to be covered by the grant for the school. Carried.

Moved:-That the request of Mr. Bissell for $83 Mex. for the purchase and maintainance of a mule, to be used in touring in his field, be granted. Carried.

The meeting then adjourned until Monday.

Dedication.

On Sunday, April 23d, the new church in El Paso was dedicated, Mr. Howland preaching the sermon, and other members of the Mission participating in the program. There was a large attendance, fully filling the edifice, and all were much pleased with the service.

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9 A.M. Monday, April 24.

After devotional exercises, the Building Committee recommended that permission be given the Parral station to use $75 or $100 Mex. of the Missionary Residence Fund for Rent, for the purpose of renewing the stairway railing in the patio of the Board's property; also that $111 be granted the Chihuahua station for completing the work and extending new balcony on the "Colegio Chihuahuense". Approved.

It was resolved: That we recognize the need of an increase of salary for E. Rodriguez, and urge the church of Las Cuevas to contribute $5 a month in addition to what we are able to give towards his support; also that the congregations in the field of José Ibanez be invited to contribute $15 a month, which will be added to the present salary of their preacher, on account of his urgent need; and that we grant to Jesús Nava his railroad fare to El Paso, and that of himself and bride to return to his field, and give him a leave of absence of fifteen days from his field of labor.

Alamos. It was resolved: That it be the sense of the Mission that it will be well for Mr. Bissell to extend his field to include Alamos, and to locate his native helper at that place, if after careful consideration, he think best to do so.

Cumpas. Moved and carried: That Alejandro Villa be continued at Cumpas at $35 a month from April first, the missionary in charge to get as much as possible from the field.

Dolores. Moved and carried: That I.r.Balderas be transferred to Dolores. Also that the Mission grant J. Nava $45 a month, and invite the church to contribute $15 a month in addition.

Chihorada.

Inter-visitation. The Committee on Intervisitation of the Stations reports recommending that durinf the ensuing year Dr. Eaton visit the Jalisco field; Mr. Howland the Sinaloa; Mr. Bissell the Sonora; Mr. Wagner the El Paso; Mr. Olds the Chihuahua; and Mr. Wright the Parral field. Report accepted and adopted.

Moved: That the several stations furnish to the Com. on Estimates, an estimate of the expense of the trips proposed in their respective fields. Carried.

The Committee on Estimates then presented its report, which was accepted and the Committee continued until it should be prepared and forward its report to the Board.

Examination in Vernacular.

The Committee on Examination in the Vernacular was re-elected to serve for another year. It consists of Messrs. Eaton and Bissell, and Mrs. Howland.

Printed Reports.

Moved: That we request the Editor of "El Testigo" to arrange for the publication of the Station Reports, after suitable revision, the expense to be met from the Appropriation for Publication and Postage. Carried.

Moved further: That Mrs. Howland be requested to edit these reports for publication. Carried.

Messrs. Magdaleno, Carrasco and Ibañez were appointed "Colaboradores" for "El Testigo".

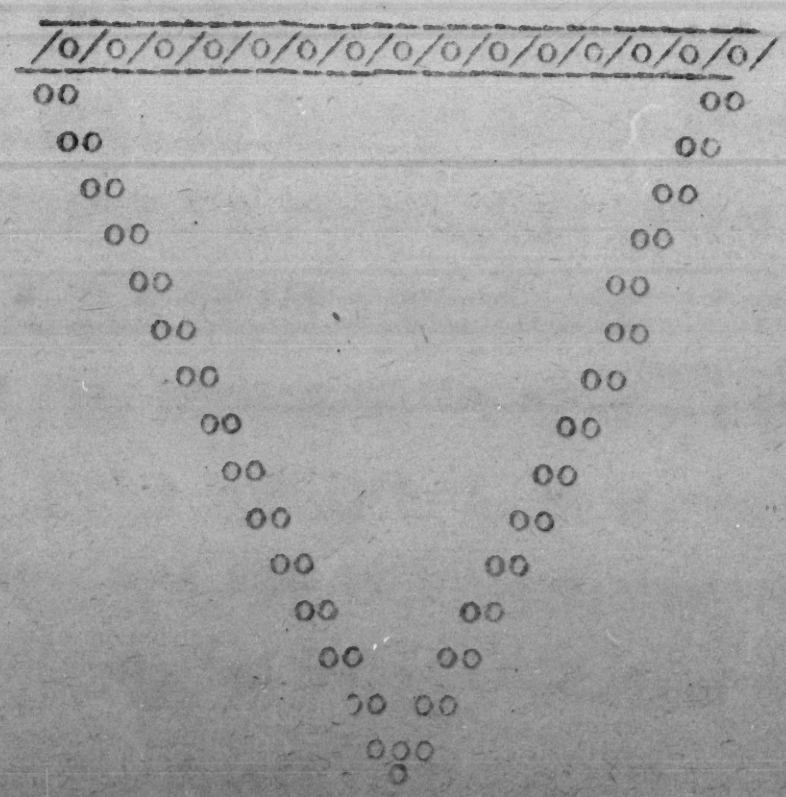
After a season of prayer, and the reading of the minutes, the meeting was adjourned for one year.

A. R. Wright - Rec. -

OFFICERS and COMMITTEES.

for the year.

President.	J. Howland.
Vice-President.	O.C.Olds.
Treasurer.	J.D.Eaton,D.D.
Rec. and Cor. Secretary.	A.C.Wright.
Auditor.	J.Howland.
Alternate.	A.C.Wright.
Building Committee.	Howland and Eaton .
Manager of "El Testigo".	J. Howland.
Committee on Ex. in Vernac.	Eaton, Bissell and Mrs. Howland
Com. on Schools.	J. Howland, Mrs. Eaton, O.C.Olds.
Com. on editing Reports for printer.	Mrs. Howland.



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Northern Mexico Mission.

Estimates for 1890.

Salaries:-

		Mexican Silver.	
Mr. Case 1650, Mr. Crawford 1650, Mr. Eaton 1600			
Mr. Wright 1500, Miss Dunning 675, Miss Prescott 675		$7,750.00	(1)
Seven Native Helpers	1,760		
Four Asst. School Teachers	780	2,540.00	(2)

Rents:-

Parral 420, Hermosillo 600, Cusihuiriachic 425, Four Chapels, out stations 348	1,793.00	(3)
Boarding School for Girls	600.00	(4)
Expenses of school in San Ysidro	50.00	(5)
Keeping four horses.	442.00	(6)
Missionary Tours (all four stations)	525.00	(7)
Traveling Expenses, Annual Meeting	245.00	(8)
Book-store and Printing	142.00	(9)
Postage & Exchange 80, Taxes 206 12	286.12	(10)
Repairs and Incidentals	100.00	(11)
	$14,473.12	

$10,854.84 Gold, at 33 1/3 % premium = $14,473.12 Mexican.

Chihuahua, July 31. 1889.

James D. Eaton
Treas.

(over)

Estimate No. Mexico Mission
1890
Recd Aug
6th Aug

Notes on preceding Estimates for 1890.

Items No. 7 and 8 are same as appropriated for 1889.

Item No 4 was appropriated in 1889, in accordance with ~~vote~~ request of Annual Meeting, Dec. 1888.

Items No 9 and 11 are less than for 1889.

Items No 1, 2, 3 and 6 are greater than for '89; but the increase is involved chiefly in the occupancy of Cusi, as a station. For example, $150 was added to Mr Wright's salary, Feb. 14. 89, by vote of Prud. Com. $240 is for Native helper, to work from that station.

Item No. 10 is greater. But several new taxes have been imposed this year.

Of the Estimate, $480 are to pay female asst. Teachers; and $50 to meet expenses of a school for both sexes, taught by one of the above-mentioned teachers.

James D. Eaton,
Treas.

P.S.

It is understood that a part of the sum for Girls' Boarding School may be expended in Parral, in cases where it is more economical to leave girls there under Miss Prescott's care than to transport them 100 miles to Chihuahua. J.D.E.

* The name of the Mission and that of the Society to which it belongs should be given here.

SUMMARY REPORT OF* the Northern Mexico MISSION. of the A.B.C.F.M.

GENERAL INFORMATION in regard to methods of work, obstacles encountered, general influence of the work, self help, salaries paid to Natives, &c., &c.

Name of Society.	Date of Mission	Names of Stations.	No. of Out Stations.	Ministry. Ordained Missionaries.	Ordained Natives.	Native Licentiates.	Lay Missionaries. Missionary Physicians. Male.	Missionary Physicians. Female.	Missionary Teachers. Male.	Missionary Teachers. Female.	Whole No. Female Missionaries.	Native Helpers. Bible Women.	Native Teachers. Male.	Native Teachers. Female.	Churches. No. of Churches.	No. Self-Supporting.	Present No. of Communicants.	Added during the last year.	Gain over Deaths and Removals.	Whole No. Added from Beginning.	No. of Adherents.	Schools. No. of Colleges.	Students for Ministry.	Boarding Schools. Boys.	Boarding Schools. Girls.	Day Schools. Boys in	Day Schools. Girls in	Total No. of Schools.	Boys in all Schools.	Girls in all Schools.	Orphanages.	Total No. of Pupils in all Schools.	Pupils in Sab. School.	Medical Work. Hospitals.	No. In-Patients.	No. Out-Patients.	Dispensaries.	Persons Treated.	Male Medical Students.	Female Medical Students.	Publication. Translations made.	Vernacular Books prepared.	Printing Establishments.	Whole No. Books printed.	Whole No. Books printed annually.	Periodicals.	Tracts and Leaflets.	No. of Pages Printed.	Benevolence. Amount of Contributions.	Native Home Missionary Societies.	Native Tract Societies.
American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions	The Mission to North Mexico was established in the year 1882	Chihuahua	2	2	0	3	0	0	0	1	3		1	0	3	0	77	49	47	79	220	0	1	0	0	40	35	2	40	35	0	75	130	0	0	0	0	0	0	0									$326.00		
		Parral	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2		0	1	1	0	23	23	23	23	125	0	0	0	0	0	18	1	0	18	0	18	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0									$77.00		
		Hermosillo	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	(?)	1	0	(?)	0	(?)	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0									$4.00		

REMARKS AND SPECIAL FACTS:

1. The above statistics are taken from the reports of the year 1887.
2. Although a nominally christian land, it is a land without the Bible and consequently without the Gospel. The masses are as idolatrous as were their Aztec fathers four hundred years ago. The Roman priests, though to an extent shorn of their former power, still exert an immense influence. The popular bitter hatred of protestants, and the petty persecution is the one great obstacle in our work. Few have the moral courage to face the ostracism.
3. As to method of work; we aim to present the simple gospel truth. Rarely do we in public attempt to combat the errors of the Roman church, but by the presentation of truth hope to make the contrast apparent.
4. Our people, although for the most miserably poor, are commencing in earnest the struggle towards self-support. It may be a long and difficult struggle, but we consider it a most important one.
5. The highest salary paid to a native preacher is $20.00 Mex. cy = $15.00 U.S. gold per month.

Parral, Mar 20. 1888.

Alden B. Lease.
Mission Sec.

"Manual of Congregationalism" of which 500 copies have been printed

Temperance Tract 500 copies 23,000

These amount are in U.S. gold.

Western Mexico Mission.

Estimates for

— 1890 —

Missionaries.	H. M. Bissell & wife	@ $100.00 + $20.00	1800.00	
	J. Howland. " "	" $100.00 + $20.00	1440.00	
	B. M. Hawkins. " "	" $50.00	600.00	3840.00
Natives.	Miguel Magdaleno, 12 mo	@ $35.00	420.00	
	Ricardo Ortiveros. " "	" 20.00	240.00	
	Eugenio Rodriguez. " "	" 20.00	240.00	
	Antonio González. " "	" 20.00	240.00	
	José Lara. " "	" 20.00	240.00	
	Lino Pacas. " "	" 10.00	120.00	
Teachers.	Josefa de la Mora " "	" 12.00	144.00	
"	Lucila Aranda. " "	" 15.00	180.00	1824.00
Rents.	Guadalajara 12 mo	@ 65.00 + 13.00	936.00	
	Majomulco. " "	" 2.50	30.00	
	Lapotlanejo. " "	" 2.50	30.00	
	Cajititlán " "	" 1.50	18.00	1014.00
Traveling.				600.00
Publications. "El Testigo." etc.				500.00
Schools. Gua. Maj. Lap. etc.				500.00
Sundries. taxes, repairs, etc.				172.00
				$8450.00

$8450.00 ÷ 1.30 = 6500.00 Am. gold.

A. B. C. F. M.

N. B. See explanatory notes on the reverse of this sheet.

North Mexico Mission. ANNUAL TABULAR VIEW for the Year ending March 31st 1890 (State when the year ends.)

[To be sent to the Mission Rooms, Boston, as soon as practicable after the close of the year.]

NAMES OF STATIONS AND OUT-STATIONS. (In Alphabetical Order.)	When begun.	MISSIONARIES AND ASSISTANTS. AMERICAN. Ordained.	Medical Men not ordained.	Other Men.	Wives.	Other Women.	Total.	NATIVE. Ordained.	Other Preachers.	Teachers.	Other Helpers.	Total.	Total American and Native.	PREACHING. Places for Stated Preaching.	Average Congregations.	Sabbath-School Membership.	Adherents.	Population within limits of Stations (including Out-Stations).	CHURCHES. No. of Churches.	Members.	Of whom are Women.	Received on Confession.	Whole Number from the First.	EDUCATION. Theological Schools.	Students.	COLLEGE, BOARDING, AND HIGH SCHOOLS. For Boys.	Pupils.	For Girls.	Pupils.	COMMON SCHOOLS. Number.	Male Pupils.	Female Pupils.	Others under Instruction.	Grand Total under Instruction.	PAYMENTS BY THE PEOPLE. For Preaching.	For Building and Repairs (Church and School).	For Schools (Salaries and Tuition).	For Missions (Native and Foreign).	Miscellaneous.	Total for all Purposes.	REMARKS.
Chihuahua	1882	1	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	3	0	3	6	2	100	95	150	25,000	1	63	40	9	87	0	0	0	0	1	13	1	6	38	0	44	$24.19	$86.21	$91.16	$18.87	$35.78	$255.61	Pd by Boarders $99.59
Ciudad Juarez	1885	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	17	16	48	10,000	1	23	10	5	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	54.31	0	0	0	0	54.31	
*Cosihuiriachic	1888	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	18	20	100	30,000	0	13	7	11	13	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	62.25	62.25	
El Valle	1889	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	15	12	20	6,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4.75	0	0	0	0	4.75	
Hermosillo	1886	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	1	0	2	4	1	20	18	30	18,000	1	9	3	6	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8	4	5	17	0	39.80	0	0	13.00	52.80	
Jimenez	1889	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	3,000	0	4	3	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Las Cuevas	1888	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	60	70	90	1,500	1	28	9	10	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41.00	10.00	0	0	14.50	65.50	
Parral	1884	1	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	55	70	100	20,000	1	52	24	17	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9	30	3	41	10.67	57.69	0	0	19.00	89.36	Pd by Boarders 12.00
San Buenaventura	1889	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	26	26	35	2,000	1	10	5	4	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.50	0	0	0	5.50	7.00	
San Isidro	1886	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	25	23	90	10,000	1	21	11	6	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	10	25	0	35	20.00	0	180.00	0	0	200.00	
Villa Lopez	1889	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	2	1	20	20	30	1,500	0	2	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	13	0	17	7.97	0	0	0	0	7.97	
Zaragoza	1886	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	35	45	60	3,000	1	28	15	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8	13	0	21	36.50	7.00	0	0	0	43.50	
In the summary of each mission give here the *number* of Out-Stations 8																																										
GRAND TOTAL 12		4	0	0	4	2	10	0	3	7	1	11	21	13	391	415	763	93,000	8	2[illegible]	[illegible]	128	74	291	0	X	0	0	1	13	6	45	123	8	176	$200.89	$202.70	$271.16	$18.87	$149.43	$843.05	

* The church at Cosihuiriachic has not as yet been formally recognized. The 13 members properly belonging to the Chihuahua church, although not included in the number here given for Chihuahua, the same is true of the report from Jimenez and Villa Lopez.

Northern Mexico Mission.

Estimates for 1891.

		Mexican Silver.
Salaries:-		
Mr. Case 1650, Mr. Crawford 1650, Mr. Eaton 1600,		
Mr. Olds 750, Miss Dunning 675, Miss Prescott 675		$7,000.00 (1)
Four Native Helpers,	$1,320	
Six Asch School Teachers (women)	1,140	2,460.00
Rents:-		
Parral 420, Sonora 500, Cusihuiriachic 425, Juarez 132		
Three chapels, out-stations 216		1,693.00 (2)
Boarding Schools for Girls:-		
Chihuahua 750; Hermosillo 500		
Furniture for " boarding school 150		1,400.00 (3)
Keeping Five Horses,		543.00
Missionary Tours, from five stations,		525.00
Traveling Expenses, Annual Meeting,		260.00
Biennial Delegate to Western Mexico		65.00 (4)
Book-store and Printing		135.00
Postage & Exchange 80; Taxes & Insurance 83.20		163.20
Repairs and Incidentals		150.00
		$14,394.20
		3,200
		1,000
		18,594

Chihuahua, Mex., Aug. 13. 1890.

James D. Eaton
Mission Treas.

Notes, to accompany Estimates for 1891.

(1.) Hermosillo expects to receive a lady teacher, and Chihuahua hopes for another; which would add two salaries, of $675. each.

(2.) Rent in Sonora will be largely reduced, if the building for school and residence in Hermosillo is completed early. The item for Cusi. is left the same as last year, as it is not known certainly where Mr. Olds will locate.

The item of chapel rent for Juarez is the same as before; but it is now counted as a station, because the training school is there.

(3.) Chihuahua asks for $150. more than for last year, expecting growth with the coming of a second lady missionary.

(4) By vote of the Mission, at last annual meeting, the Board is asked to pay the traveling expenses of but one delegate, although the Western Mission that an ordained man and his wife are to be sent each time.

An additional sum will be needed to pay for Spanish instruction of new missy.

The Training School is reported independently, by Rev. A. C. Wright.

James D. Eaton
Mission Treas.

Chihuahua, Aug. 13. 1890.

Appropriations for 1891.

Northern Mexico Mission. Mexican Silver.

Salaries:

Mr Case	1650	Mr Crawford	1650	330000	
" Eaton	1600	" Olds	750	235000	
Miss Dunning	675	Miss Prescott	675	135000	
Mr Wright	1600	Mr Bissell	1600	320000	1020000
Four native helpers				1320	
Six assistant school teachers (women)				1140	
					2,46000

Rents

Parral	420	Sonora	500	Cusihuiriachic 425	134500
Juarez	132	Three Chapels, out-stations		256 34800	169300

Boarding School for Girls.

Chihuahua	750	Hermosillo	300	
Furniture for " Board. School			150	140000

Keeping Fire Horses	54300
Missionary Tours, from fire Stations	52500
Travelling Expenses, Ann. Meeting	26000
Biennial Delegate to Western Mexico	6500
Book-store & Printing	13500
Postage & Exchange 8220 & Taxes & Insurance	16320
Repairs & Incidentals	15000
Training School — current expenses	100000
Total	8,39420

Salaries	10,20000
General Work	8,39420
Grand Total	18,59420

may be desired. Mar 7, 1891 M. H. Crawford

F. D. Tudor
Secretary
Aug. 15. 1890
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Western Mexico Mission

Estimates for

1891

Missionaries.	J. & S. B. Howland & 2 children @ $120.		1440.00	
	B. M. Haskins	" $50.	600.00	$2040.00
Helpers.	Rev. Miguel Magdaleno	" $30.00	360.00	
	Sebastián Ramos	" 20.00	240.00	
	Ricardo Gutiérrez	" "	240.00	
	Eugenio Rodríguez	" "	240.00	
	Lino Pacas	" "	240.00	
	Lucila Aranda	" 15.	180.00	
	Josefa de la Mora	" 12.	147.00	1827.00
Assistants.	Cua. 65. / 13.		936.00	
	Teocuitatlán @	5.00	60.00	
	Tlajomulco "	2.50	30.00	
	Cuquío "	3.00	36.00	
	Cajititlán "	1.50	18.00	1080.00
Publications. "El Testigo" etc.				600.00
Schools -				600.00
Travelling-makers etc.				500.00
Repairs & undues. etc.				246.00
				$6890.00

6890.00 ÷ 1.20 = $5741.67 Am. gold.

Estimate for the
Rio Grande Cav'l Training School,
for 1891.
4 present teaching force and calculated
for 8 Medical Students.

American Money.

Salaries - per mo.	$160 00	
Rent & Repairs " "	60 00	
Board " "	60 00	
Clothing " "	24 00	
Washing " "	10 00	
Fuel & Lights " "	10 00	
Allowance to Students " "	16 00	
Stationery & Printing " "	10 00	
Incidentals	10 00	
	260 00	
X 12 for a year		4,320

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Quarterly Statement of the Expenses of the Rio Grande Cong'l Training School, Oct. 1st to Dec. 31st, 1890.

	Am. Cy.	Mex.
	$	$
Rent		2120
Outfit, Stoves, Bedding, Dishes and Utensils	8915	925
Duties and Commissions		1573
Board of Students	2690	16690
Fuel and Lights	6335	270
Washing		760
Clothing	1910	800
Allowance to Students		2275
To bring Students to Sch.		555
Stationery	150	
Printing		500
Salaries	480 00	
Telegrams	485	
Tools	3246	
Material for Work	2595	
	7197 6	45548

Summary of Expenses of
Rio Grande Coeg'l. Training Sch.
April 1st to Dec. 31st. 1890

	Am. Cy.	Mex.
Rent		545 17
Outfit, Stoves, Bedding, Dishes & Utensils	13822	2333
Tuition Commission		2763
Board of Students	2690	23975
Fuel and Lights	3370	270
Washing		835
Clothing	2830	2075
Allowance to Students	130	4700
To Bring Students to School	390	3330
Stationery and Postage	1315	220
Printing	165	1350
Salaries	11400 00	
Telegrams (For Min Field)	485	
Bridge Toll	180	
Coke	3341	
Material for Work	3890	
	146608	965-68
Exchange Varying from .78 to .90		

Receipts of the
Rio Grande Cong'l. Training School
Oct 1st to Dec. 31st, 1890

	Am. Cy.	Mex.
	$	$
Tuition	600	1275
Contributions, J. D. Eaton		2000
" G. E. Birlew	720	
" Y.P.S.C.E. Lyme, N.H.	100	
" Industrial Dept		130
A. H. M. S.	1600	
	18320	3405

Statement of Balance

Total Expenses of Quarter	71326	45548
Deduct Receipts	18320	3405
	53006	42143
Mex. Cy. Reduced @ .82	34257	
Sum	87563	
Share of Each Society	43781	
Same in Mex. @ .82		53391

A. C. Vaughan
Rept of Expenses
Training School
C. Juarez

Jan. 2. 1891

			Dr		Cr	
1890		**Chapel Building in Hermosillo**				
Feb	15	To total amount received to date	3[illegible]	07		
"	"	By total amount expended on chapel			3922	00
"	"	" Sum for lumber by Dr. S. J. Humphreys $41,2[illegible] @ 1.32 prem in Chicago the year previous 1889			536	12
1891 Mar	1	By balance paid for freight to Chicago.			82	35
"	"	" Amount for Bell for chapel			197	32
"	"	" balance to finish chapel			166	06
"		To cash received to date for chapel & Bell	423	07		
		Balance yet due Dr. S. J. Humphreys	526	71		
			4903	85	4903	85
1891		**Boarding School Account**				
Mar	1	To cash appropriation by the Board	3565	00		
"		By cash paid for lumber			1239	84
"		" " " " " Iron roofing			260	50
"		" " " " " Nails, glass hinges &c			216	42
"		" For stone, lime sand, adobe &c for masons & carpenters &c			1867	53
"		To cash from lumber sold & other sources	168	28		
		Balance on hand			1486	9.
			3733	28	3733	28

To reduce this to Gold divide by 1.32 %
I can furnish you an itemized statement now or when completed as may be desired.

Mar 7, 1891 M. A. Crawford

A. B. C. F. M.

N. B. See explanatory notes on the reverse of this sheet.

North Mexico Mission. ANNUAL TABULAR VIEW for the Year ending March 31st 1891. (State when the year ends.)

[To be sent to the Missi Rooms, Boston, as soon as practicable after the close of the year.]

NAMES OF STATIONS AND OUT-STATIONS. (In Alphabetical Order.)	When begun.	Missionaries and Assistants. American. Ordained.	Medical Men not ordained.	Other Men.	Wives.	Other Women.	Total.	Native. Ordained.	Other Preachers.	Teachers.	Other Helpers.	Total.	Total American and Native.	Preaching. Places for Stated Preaching.	Average Congregations.	Sabbath-School Membership.	Adherents.	Population (including Out-Stations).
Chihuahua.	1882	1	0	0	1	2	4	0	1	1	0	2	6	2	110	103	175	
Atotonilco	1888	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	2	1	35	26	50	26,700
San Buenaventura	1889	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	20	22	35	
Ciudad Juarez	1885	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	50	25	60	10,000
Cosihuiriachic	1886	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	15	15	50	
San Isidro	1886	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	15	20	40	
El Fuerte.	1891	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2					
Hermosillo	1886	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	3	2	20	24	30	15,000
Minas Prietas	1890																	
Parral.	1884	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	3	1	60	75	120	
El Valle.	1889	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	12	0	20	
Las Cuevas.	1888	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	70	90	100	
Saragoza.	1886	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	25	35	60	
In the summary of each mission give here the number of Out-Stations 7																		
GRAND TOTAL 13		6	0	0	5	2	13	0	3	4	0	7	20	14	432	440	740	10

NAMES OF STATIONS AND OUT-STATIONS.	Churches. No. of Churches.	Members.	Of whom are Women.	Received on Confession.	Whole Number from the First.	Education. Theological Schools.	Students.	College, Boarding, and High Schools. For Boys.	Pupils.	For Girls.	Pupils.	Common Schools. Number.	Male Pupils.	Female Pupils.	Others under Instruction.	Grand Total under Instruction.
Chihuahua.	1	92	59	10	117	0	0	0	0	1	16	1	15	53	8	76
Atotonilco	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	22	0	28
San Buenaventura	1	15	7	4	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ciudad Juarez	1	26	15	9	29	1	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Cosihuiriachic	Report included in that of the Chihuahua church, of which Cosi is still a branch.															
San Isidro	1	23	12	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	19	22	0	41
El Fuerte.	Too early for any report.															
Hermosillo	1			9	23	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minas Prietas																
Parral.	1	75	36	20	81	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	25	2	32
El Valle.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Las Cuevas.	1	47	19	19	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Saragoza.	1	30	16	2	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8	12	0	20
GRAND TOTAL	8	326	168	57	367	1	9	0	0	1	16	5	53	134	10	206

NAMES OF STATIONS AND OUT-STATIONS.	Payments by the People. For Preaching.	For Building and Repairs (Church and School).	For Schools (Salaries and Tuition).	For Missions (Home and Foreign).	Miscellaneous.	Total for all Purposes.	Remarks.
Chihuahua.	65.28	321.90	103.00	25.90	26.15	$542.23	$46.92 Paid for Boarders.
Atotonilco	11.27	0	103.50	0	0	114.77	
San Buenaventura	10.14	0	0	0	0	10.14	
Ciudad Juarez	27.00	11.00	20.25	0	12.00	70.25	
Cosihuiriachic	Report included in that of the Chihuahua church, of which Cosi is still a branch.						
San Isidro	0	0	162.00	0	0	162.00	
El Fuerte.							
Hermosillo	13.50	0	0	0	0	13.50	
Minas Prietas							
Parral.	1.75	73.47	25.00	17.42	10.60	128.24	
El Valle.	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Las Cuevas.	23.50	156.94	0	0	2.50	182.94	
Saragoza.	18.00	0	0	0	0	18.00	
GRAND TOTAL	170.44	563.31	413.75	43.32	51.25	$2242.07	Mex. Silver or 993.50 Gold

Hermosillo, Mar. 25, 1891.
Rec'd Mar. 14, 1891.

Statement of Expenditures and Receipts of the

RIO GRANDE CONG'L TRAINING SCHOOL

Ciudad Juarez, Mexico,

For the year ending March 31st, 1891.

Summary of Expenses.

	U.S.C'y.	Mex.Silver.
	$	$
Rent,		752 17
Outfit of Stoves, Bedding, etc.,	13 22	23 33
Duties and Commissions,		29 63
Fuel and Lights,	48 68	16 40
Board and Washing,	31 35	481 51
Clothing,	45 60	20 75
Allowance to Students,	1 30	83 50
Expenses of Students to School,	3 90	33 30
Supplies and repairs,	112 69	5 70
Printing and Advertisement,	11 50	13 50
Stationery, Postage and P.O. Box,	17 40	2 20
Bridge Toll,	5 55	
Books for School,	65 00	9 75
Tools for Industrial Department,	33 41	
Material for Work in same,	62 46	
Telegrams,	4 85	56
Salaries,	1560 00	
	2141 91	1472 30

Exchange varying from 77% to 90%.

RECEIPTS

From other Sources than the N.W.E.C., and the A.B.C.F.M.

Tuition,	6 00	12 75
Contributions from Individuals,	22 20	2 000
Industrial Department,	11 80	3 05
Board of one student,		18 00
Home Missionary Society,	280 00	
	320 00	53 80

Expenses after deducting al Receipts other than from the two societies supproting the School.

April to June, 1890,	459 32
July to September,	734 19
October to December,	875 63
January to March,	923 66
	2992 80
Balance of Appropriation Unexpended,	7 20
	3000 00

Summary of the Expenses of the
RIO GRANDE CONG'L
TRAINING SCHOOL.

January 1st to March 31st, 1891.

	U.S. C'y.	Mex. Silver
Rent,	$	$ 207 00
Fuel and Lights,	14 98	13 70
Board and Washing,	4 45	233 81
Clothing,	17 30	
Student Aid,		36 50
Supplies and Repairs,	112 69	5 70
Printing and Adv's,	9 85	
Stationery,	75	
P.O. Box,	1 25	
Postage,	2 25	
Bridge Toll,	3 75	
Books for School,	65 00	9 75
Material for Industrial Dep't,	23 56	
Telegram,	56	
Salaries, (Miss Stahl $75,)	420	
Totals,	675 83	506 62
Deduct Receipts not from Societies,	136 80	19 75
	539 03	486 87
Mexican Reduced at 79%,	384 63	
Total in American C'y,	923 66	
Share of each Society,	461 83	
Same in Mex. C'y,		584 59

RECEIPTS.

Home Miss. Society,	120 00	
Contribution,	5 00	
Industrial Dep't,	11 80	1 75
Board of one Student,		18 00
Totals,	136 80	19 75

Estimates for 1892.

Northern Mexico Mission.

		Mexican Silver
Salaries:		
Mr. Bissell 1830, Mr. Case 1650	3480 00	
Mr. Crawford 1650, Mr. Eaton 1650	3300 00	
Mr. Olds	750 00	
Miss Dunning 675, Miss Prescott 675	1350 00	8880 00
Seven Native Helpers 2400		
Six School Teachers (women) 1140		3540 00
Rents:		
Cusihuiriachic 475, El Fuerte 180	605 00	
Juarez 120, Parral & El Valle 340	460 00	
Four Chapels &c. Out-stations	390 00	1455 00
Boarding Schools for Girls:		
Chihuahua 850, Hermosillo 350		1200 00
One-half Expenses of Training School, (including Mr. Wright's salary,)		2600 00
Keeping six horses		585 00
Missionary Tours from six Stations		525 00
Traveling Expenses, Annual Meeting		450 00
Biennial Delegate to Western Mexico		65 00
Book-store and Printing		280 63
Postage & Exchange 80.00, Taxes 139.37		219 37
Repairs & Incidentals		200 00
Total		$20,000 00

$16.000.00 gold, at 25% prem. = $20.000.00 Mex. silver.

Contingents:

Training School, additional.		650 00
School Teacher (native) for Mr. Bissell	200 00	
Rent of School-room	60 00	260 00
Another native Helper, for Mr. Crawford.		300 00
		$1210 00

$968. gold, at 25% prem. = $1210. Mex. silver.

(over.)

Notes :-

(1.) The amount named for the Training School, in the regular estimates ($2600) will be barely enough to continue the school on its present, limited, basis. But there is prospect of increase in the number of students if it can be provided for; and the need of preachers is great.

(2) A school in El Fuerte would greatly str[illegible] the work in charge of Mr. Bissell.

Aid expected from Natives :-

Chihua Bd'g School (received last year)	$1,7222
Four Day Schools,	60375
	77597

Chihuahua, Mexico,
July 23. 1891.

James D. Eaton
Mission Trea

Estimates for Work in and about Guadalajara

1892

Salaries - J. & S.B. Howland	1650.		
B M Haskins	675.		2325.00
Miguel Magdaleno Tlajomulco @ 35.		420.	
Ricardo Gutierrez - Teocaltiche @ 26.		312.	
José Lara - La Barca @ 30.		360.	
Sebastián Ramos, Teocuitatlán @ 25.		300.	
Luis Pacas - San Sebastián - @ 15.		180.	
Eugenio Rodríguez - student @ 10.		120.	
Josefa de la Mora teacher @ 15.		180.	1872.00
Rents - School - 12 x 32.		384.	
Dwelling & press - 12 x 25.		300.	
Service room - 6 x 13.		78.	
Tlajomulco - 12 x 3.		36.	
Teocuitatlán - 12 x 5.		60.	
Teocaltiche - 12 x 4		48.	906.00
Schools -			600.00
"El Tesligo"			600.00
Travelling - Conference & local			250.00
Taxes, repairs & sundries			167.00
			$6720.00

6720.00 Mex. @ 120% = $5600.00 Am. gold.

If exchange continues at present rate there will be a margen of over $500.00 Am. gold.

J. Howland, Treas. of Station

Estimates for 1892.
Presented Dec. 31st 1891
Tabled Jan. 1st
Copied

A. B. C. F. M.
N.B. See explanatory notes on the reverse of this sheet.

Mexico Mission. ANNUAL TABULAR VIEW for the Year ending March 31st 1892 (State when the year ends.)

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Names of Stations and Out-Stations. (In Alphabetical Order.)	When begun.	Missionaries and Assistants. American. Ordained.	Medical Men not ordained.	Other Men.	Wives.	Other Women.	Total.	Native. Ordained.	Other Preachers.	Teachers.	Other Helpers.	Total.	Total American and Native.	Preaching. Places for Stated Preaching.	Average Congregations.	Sabbath-School Membership.	Adherents.	Population within Three Miles of Station (including Out-Stations).	Churches. No. of Churches.	Members.	Of whom are Women.	Received on Confession.	Whole Number from the First.	Education. Theological Schools.	Students.	College, Boarding, and High Schools. For Boys.	Pupils.	For Girls.	Pupils.	Common Schools. Number.	Male Pupils.	Female Pupils.	Others under Instruction.	Grand Total under Instruction.	Payments by the People. For Preaching.	For Building and Repairing (Church and School).	For Schools (Salaries and Tuition).	For Missions (Home and Foreign).	Miscellaneous.	Total for all Purposes.	Remarks.
Chihuahua.	1882	1	0	0	1	2	4	0	1	1	0	2	6	2	110	105	175		1	97	62	12	129	0	0	0	0	1	22	1	16	31	6	75	42.34	175.36	190.01	6.36	52.38	466.45	
San Buenaventura,	1889	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	23	33	40	27.000	1	16	8	1	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6.50	0	0	0	0	6.50	Chapel walls 9 ft high
Villa Lopez.	1888	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	2	1	30	35	50		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	10	18	0	28	10.00	0	130.37	0	0	140.37	
Juarez.	1885	2	0	0	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	30	32	70	10,000	1	26	15	9	39	1	14	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	9	23	0	0	0	0	58.50	58.50	
Cusihuiriachic.	1888	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	15	15	25	30.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18.00	0	0	0	0	18.00	
San Isidro.	1886	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	20	25	65		1	23	12	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	14	12	0	26	0	0	150.00	0	0	150.00	
El Refugio.	1891	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	30		75		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	300.00	0	0	0	300.00	New Chapel.
El Fuerte.	1891	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	3	1	15	15	20	40,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0							
Guadalajara.	187[illegible]	1	0	0	1	1	3	0	4	1	0	5	8	1	60	60	150	1,000.000	1	84	38	5	98	0	0	0	0	1	55	0	0	0	0	55	0	0	164.75	0	150.00	314.75	
Tlajomulco.	1883	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	45	40	100		1	37	15	3	68	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	15	20	0	35	0	19.00	0	0	6.00	25.00	
Hermosillo.	1887	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	15	23	25	15,000	1	18	4	0	23	0	1	0	0	1	21	0	0	0	0	22	0	0	0	0	39.07	39.07	
Las Prietas	1890	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	20	25	50		1	2	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	200.00	0	0	0	200.00	New Chapel
Parral.	1884	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	3	1	50	70	120	20,000	1	82	36	9	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9	26	0	35	3.07	47.30	28.00	0	5.00	83.37	
El Valle (Allende)	1889	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	20	12	25		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.60	0	0	0	0	2.60	
Las Cuevas	1888	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	75	90	100		1	71	33	24	71	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	10	30	0	40	18.50	315.24	24.50	0	0	358.24	
San Silvestre	1891	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	2	1	20	18	40		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8	10	0	18	4.25	0	2.00	0	0	6.25	
Zaragoza	1886	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	25	30	70		1	32	17	3	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8	15	0	23	4.72	0	28.00	0	0	32.72	
In the summary of each mission give here the *number* of Out-Stations							10.																																			
GRAND TOTAL		7	0	0	7	3	17	1	10	8	1	20	37	20	603	638	1200	1,142,000	11	488	241	68	594	1	15	0	0	3	98	8	90	162	15	380	$110.18	1056.80	717.63	6.36	310.75	2202.02	(Mex $)

Julius Hawley
Chihuahua
Jan. 5 1892

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR TRAINING SCHOOL FOR THE YEAR 1893.
Sent in June 30th, 1892.

Board and Washing for 15 Students, 9 months at $8	$1080.00
Student aid,(For clothing and all incidental expenses)	472.00
Fuel, $100 Lights $144	244.00
Outfit of dishes, Furniture and bedding,	350.00
Textbooks,	90.00
Postage and Exchange,	13.00
Stationery and Printing,	75.00
Salaries, Mr. Wright 1200 Mrs Stickel 600.	1800.00
Rent,	750.00
Material for Industrial Department,	150.00
R.R.Fares of Visiting Com. and Lectureres,	125.00
Incidentals,	50.00
	5200.00
Share of each society, Am. B. & F. New England Am. -	2600.00

----------C O N T I N G E N T S . ----------

For employment of Mr. Birlew in Industrial Department and to help in elementary studies,	360.00
Improvement in Domestic Service,	150.00
Spanish Reference Books,	150.00

The matter of the employment of Mr. Birlew was decided upon at our conference with Sec'y Bliss in June, but I could not get it in the limit to which I was obliged to keep the estimate by instructions from Boston, viz. that of last year, and so it is put in the Contingent list.

Supplementary Blank.

Mexico Mission for Year ending March 31st 1892.

Stations.	Publication Work: No. Volumes Printed	No. Tracts printed	No. pages printed	Book & Tract Distribution: No. Bibles & Portions Distributed	Total Receipts from Sales of Scriptures	Total Receipts from Sales of Other Books	No pages of Tracts Distributed
Chihuahua	0	1	20,250	492	$ 115.01	$ 781.45	?
Juarez	0	0	46,650	103	28.90	215.78	?
Chihuirachic	0	0	0	80	33.38	111.90	?
El Fuerte	0	0	0	112	35.54	126.25	5,700
Guadalajara	0	5	350,000	—	—	14.12	40,000
Hermosillo	0	0	0	2,186	359.43	193.64	50,000
Parral	0	0	0	47	17.19	217.13	20,000
Total.	0	6	416,900	3,020	$ 489.45	$ 1,660.27	115,700+

Places Occupied by Native Assistants.	Native Help and Self-Support: Approx. Pop.	Names of Assistants	Salary Allowed per year	Of which the people pay.
Chihuahua	22,000	Sr. Felipe Hernandez	360.00	0
Villa Lopez	1,200	Sr. Gregorio Rodriguez Srita Jesus Montoya	420.00 188.00	$ 130.37
Las Pretas	2,000	Sr. Jesus L. Guzman	540.00	0
La Colorada		Sr. Jesus Hernandez	300.00	0
San Isidro	1,500	Srita Jesus Orozco	360.00	150.00
La Barca	25,000	Sr. José Lara	360.00	0
San Sebastián	1,500	Sr. Sino Pacas	180.00	0
Teocuitatlan	15,000	Sr. Sebastián Ramos	240.00	0
Tlajomulco	10,000	Rev. Miguel Magdaleno	420.00	0
Teocatiche Cuquio	2,500 25,000	Sr. Ricardo Ontiveros	720.00	0
Parral	10,000	Srita Laura Zárate	240.00	36.00
Zaragoza	2,000	Srita Josefa Talamantes	180.00	84.00
Las Cuevas	1,200	Srita Martina Abila	180.00	84.00
El Valle	4,000	Sr. Tomas Montoya	140.00	0
San Silvestre	300	Sr. Encarnacion Soltero Srita Narcisa Reyes	160.00	0
Guadalajara	90,000	Srita Josefa de la Mora	180.00	0
Total			$ 4,500.00	$ 484.37

Year ending
El Paso, June 30, 1892

Mexico Mission

Estimates for the Year 1893 — Mexican Silver

Salaries:-		
Mr. Bissell 1830, Case 1800, Crawford 1650	5,280 00	
Eaton 1800, Howland 1560, Olds 1450	4,810 00	
Miss Dunning 675, Haskins 600, Prescott 675	1,950 00	12,040 00
Miss White 600, Mrs Balcombe 600		
Thirteen Native Helpers (men)	4,260 00	
Ten School Teachers, (women)	1,790 00	6,050 00
Rents:-		
Fuerte 300, Guadalajara, Mo. 300, School (girls) 384	984 00	
Juarez 120, 8 Out-stations 669,	789 00	1,773 00
Boarding Schools:- (for girls,)		
Chihuahua 850, Guadalajara 600, Hermosillo 275,		1,725 00
Keeping 7 Horses 661, Missy Tours from 7 Stations 750	1,411 00	
Trav'g Expenses, Annual Meeting	715 00	2,126 00
Book-store & Printing 275, "El Testigo" 600	875 00	
Postage & Exchange 105, Taxes 321 38	426 38	
Repairs & Incidentals	250 00	1,551 38
Total (Two salary items)		25,265 38
		1,200.
		26,465. 38

$18,949^{04}$ gold @ 33⅓ % prem. = $25,265^{38}$ Mex. silver — Exp. 20,243.59

2,600. " for ½ Expenses El Paso Training School

$21,549^{04}$

gold 17,643.59
2600 "
20,243.59

~~Or, again:-~~

$16,843^{59}$ gold @ 50% prem. = $25,265^{38}$ Mex. silver

2,600.00 " for ½ Expenses Tr. School

$19,443^{59}$
400
20,243.59

N.B. Regular appropriation for 1892, $21,664^{56}$ gold.

(over)

Estimates for the year 1893 (continued.)

Contingents:-
(For El Paso Training School)

	Gold
(1) Salary Gordon E. Birlew, ass't in Manual Training Department	$360 00
(2) Improvement of Domestic Service	150 00
(3) Books of Reference	150 00
(4) Pay of students to teach elementary classes,	100 00
	2/760 00
One-half asked of the A.B.C.F.M.	$380 00
added for Salary Miss Stuhl	300

Amounts contributed by Natives:-	Mex. Silver
Chihuahua Boarding School, last year.	178 70
Outstation Schools " "	273 75
Hermosillo, Boarding School " "	54 00
Parral:	
Outstation Schools, (expected)	220 00
Native Helper, "	20 00
Guadalajara (to be reported)	

James D. Eaton
Treas.

Chihuahua, Mexico,
Sept. 3. 1892.

Estimates Mexico Mission. 1893.

Salaries.		
H. M. Bissell	1850	
A. B. Case.	1800	
M. A. Crawford	1650	
J. D. Eaton	1800	
J. Howland	1560	
O. C. Olds	1450	
Miss Dunning	600	
Miss Holcomb	600	
" Haskins	600	
" White	600	
" Prescott	600	13090
Native Helpers.		
Thirteen Native Helpers (men)	4260	
Ten School Teachers (women)	1790	6050
Rents		
Fuerte	300	
Guadalajara Home	300	
" Girls' School	384	
Juarez	120	
Eight Out-stations	669	1773
Boarding Schools. (for Girls.)		
Chihuahua	850	
Guadalajara	600	
Hermosillo	275	1725
Miscellaneous.		
Keeping seven horses	661	
Missionary Tours for	700	
Travelling Expenses Annual Mtg	715	
Bookstore & Printing	275	
"El Testigo"	600	
Carried forward	3001	22638

For the year 1893.
Chihuahua, Sept. 3 1892.
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$13000 school
1500 new sites
14500.
actual cash year
$2000 more

Estimates Mexico Mission 1893.

Brought forward	3001	22638
Postage & Exchange	105	
Taxes	321 38	
Repairs & Incidentals	250	3677
Total		$26315

$17543.59 gold @ 50% prem = 26315.38 Mex Silver.
2600. " for ½ Expenses El Paso Tr. Sch.
$20,143.69
380
20,523.69
~~19,723.69~~

Min Holcomb
Mrs Mitchell } 1200 = 700

N. B. ~~Regular~~ Appropriation for 1892, $21,664.56

Contingents.

El Paso Training School	Gold
Salary of G. E. Birlew	$360
Improvement of Domestic Service	150
Books of Reference	150
Students to teach elementary classes.	100
	$760
½ asked of A. B. C. F. M.	$380

Pledged 21600

Estimates Mexico Mission 1893.

Amounts contributed by Natives.

Chihuahua Boarding School last year	178	70
Out station schools " "	273	75
Hermosillo Boarding School " "	54	
Parral		
Out station schools (expected)	220	
Native Helper	20	

Placed 21.664
800 two new ones
$22.464 placed
20523.69 carried –

$1.940.31
440.31 – Contingent
$1500.00 surplus.

20523.69
440.31
$20964.00
1500
$22464.

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Mexico Mission

Revised Estimates for the year 1893

Salaries:-		
Bissell[830], Case[800], Crawford[1650]	5,280 00	
Eaton[1650], Howland[1560], Olds[1350]	4,560 00	
Miss Dunning[675], Haskins[600], Prescott[675]	1,950 00	11,790 00
20 % addition to above salaries		2,358 00
Native Helpers:-		
14 Men[4560], 10 Women[1790],		6,350 00
Rents:-		
Puente[300], Guadalajara, house[300], school[384]	984 00	
Juarez[120], 8 Out-stations[669]	789 00	1,773 00
Boarding Schools (for girls)		
Chihuahua[850], Guad.[600], Hermosillo[275]		1,775 00
Day Schools, in Parral[75], Cusi.[75]		150 00
Evangelistic Work by Students in vacation		180 00
Keeping 7 Horses[661]; Taxes[321 38]		982 38
Missy Tours from 7 Stations[750]; "El Testigo"[600]		1,350 00
Book-store & Printing[275]; Postage & exchange[105]		380 00
Trav. Expenses, annual meeting,		715 00
Repairs & Incidentals		250 00
Mexican silver		28,003 38
Less 1/3 for exchange (at 1.50)		9,334 46
in Gold.		18,668 92
One-half Expenses Training School (gold)		2,600 00
Manual Training Dep.t " "	360 00	
Books of Reference	150 00	
Asked of the Board, one-half of	510 00 =	255 00
	In Gold	21,523 92
Salaries of new missionaries:-		
Miss Holcomb[675], Miss White[600]	$1,275.00	
20 % advance	255.00	
Mexican silver, 1,530.00 ÷ 1.50 =		1,020 00
	In Gold	$22,543 92

(over)

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N. B.

The total $21,523.92 gold is less, by $76.08 than the sum in gold promised to the Mission in March 1892, for the year 1893, viz.- "$21,600.00".

This last was probably intended to be written $21,664.56 gold, or the same as for the year 1892.

The 20 per cent advance on Missionaries' salaries is to be paid on condition that the premium on gold ranges between 40 per cent and 60 per cent, - ~~increasing~~ decreasing still further if "exchange" falls below 140, but increasing if it rises above 160.

James D. Eaton
Alden B. Case,
Committee.

Guadalajara, Mexico
January 21. 1893

Education
Mission Mexico
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A. B. C. F. M.

N. B. See explanatory notes on the reverse of this sheet.

Mission. ANNUAL TABULAR VIEW for the Year ending 18 (State when the year ends.)

[To be sent to the Mission Rooms, Boston, as soon as practicable after the close of the year.]

Names of Stations and Out-Stations. (In Alphabetical Order.)	When begun.	Missionaries and Assistants. American. Ordained.	Medical Men not ordained.	Other Men.	Wives.	Other Women.	Total.	Native. Ordained.	Other Preachers.	Teachers.	Other Helpers.	Total.	Total American and Native.	Preaching. Places for Stated Preaching.	Average Congregations.	Sabbath-School Membership.	Adherents.	Population within limits of Station (including Out-Stations).	Churches. No. of Churches.	Members.	Of whom are Women.	Received on Confession.	Whole Number from the First.	Education. Theological Schools.	Students.	College, Boarding, and High Schools. For Boys.	Pupils.	For Girls.	Pupils.	Common Schools. Number.	Male Pupils.	Female Pupils.	Others under Instruction.	Grand Total under Instruction.	Payments by the People. For Preaching.	For Building and Repairing (Church and School).	For Schools (Salaries and Tuition).	For Missions (Home and Foreign).	Miscellaneous.	Total for all Purposes.	Remarks.
Chihuahua	1882	1	0	0	1	2	4	0	1	2	0	3	7	1	75	110	175	27.000	1	104	65	23	155	0	0	0	0	1	23	1	9	35	0	67	131.43	61.83	80.30	0	0	273.56	
Jimenez	1893	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	15	15	25		On Chihuahua ch. roll.					0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6.00	0	0	0	0	6.00	
San Buenaventura	1889	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	23	33	40		1	16	8	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6.50	0	0	0	0	6.50	
Villa Lopez	1888	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	2	1	20	20	30		On Chihuahua ch. roll.					0	0	0	0	0	0	1	10	25	0	35	6.50	0	62.99	0	0	68.99	
J. Juarez.	1885	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	3	1	20	15	30	10.000	1	38	22	14	51	1	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	15.00	0	0	0	0	15.00	
Cusihuiriachic	1888	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	3	1	15	39	21	20.000	1	28	15	10	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20.00	0	0	0	0	20.00	
El Refugio.	1891	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	20	0	20		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	300.00	0	0	0	300.00	
Huertero.	1892	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	35	35	35		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
San Isidro.	1886	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	20	25	65		1	23	12	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	15	35	0	50	2.80	0	120.00	0	0	122.80	
El Fuerte.	1891	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	2	2	2	4	1	25	29	40	32.000	1	12	10	12	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	13	1	16	0	0	1.50	0	0	1.50	
Guadalajara.	1872	1	0	0	1	2	4	0	0	1	0	1	5	1	78	112	250	1.000.000	1	90	40	9	107	0	0	0	0	1	25	1	0	49	0	74	18.48	53.50	102.41	13.51	90.00	278.30	
Vitala.		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	15	0	30		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
La Barca		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	10	15	20		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.50	0	8.00	0	0	10.50	
San Sebastian.		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	5	0	15		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6.15	0	0	6.15	
Tajomulco.	1883	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	25	30	150		1	43	18	9	89	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	17	7	0	24	6.25	12.00	0	12.00	0	30.25	
Hermosillo.	1887	1	0	0	1	× 1	3	0	0	1	1	2	5	1	20	27	40	15.000	1	23	9	5	31	0	0	0	0	1	4	1	13	8	0	25	0	0	0	0	136.73	136.73	
Minas Prietas	1890	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	2	1	20	25	50		1	7	3	5	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	4	0	7	0	1.500.00	30.00	0	0	1530.00	
Parral.	1884	1	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	1	0	1	4	1	60	90	125	20.000	1	90	40	12	103	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	23	46	0	69	37.47	9.17	27.00	0	10.09	83.73	
Allende.	1889	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	15	0	25		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Las Cuevas.	1888	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	56	60	100		1	78	36	7	78	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3.55	0	0	0	0	3.55	
Zaragoza.	1886	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	30	35	75		1	35	18	3	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	10	15	0	25	21.80	0	85.00	0	0	106.80	
The summary of each mission give here the number of Out Stations													14																													
GRAND TOTAL		7	0	0	7	4	20	1	6	9	8	28	49	21	596	715	1361	1124.000	13	578	296	103	738	1	14	0	0	3	52	10	102	237	1	406	$277.76	1986.80	523.35	25.51	176.82	$2,940.34	Aproximately 1,960.00 gold

× The "other woman", American reported from Hermosillo is not a regularly appointed assistant missionary.

Alden B. Case, Cor. Sec.

Mexico Mission. A.B.C.F.M.

Supplementary Table. Year ending March 31, 1893.

Stations.	Publication Work. No. Books printed	Tracts.	Pages	Book & Tract Distribution. Bibles and Portions	Pages of Tracts	Receipts from sales of The Scriptures	Receipts from sales of other books & periodicals
Chihuahua	0	0	0	188	approx. –	57.56	803.95
Juarez	0	0	50,000	185	100,000	37.84	152.22
Chihuiriachic	0	0	0	336	12,000	89.15	271.89
Huerta	0	0	0	128	–	50.56	111.43
Guadalajara	1	0	10,000	15	10,000	7.80	0
Hermosillo	0	0	0	2,700	700,000	1013.85	275.44
Parral	0	0	0	90	15,000	118.82	180.20
Total.	1	0	60,000	3,642	897,000	$1,268.85	$1,795.13

Native Help and Self Support. Places occupied by Native Assistants	Approx. pop.	Names of all Assistants,	Salary per month per mo.	Of which the people pay per mo.
Chihuahua	25,000	Felipe Hernandez	30.00	0
"		Raquel Martinez	20.00	0
"		Maria Martinez	8.00	0
Jimenez	5,000	Gregorio Rodriguez	35.00	0
Villa Lopez	1,200	Tomas Montoya	12.00	0
" "		Jesusa Montoya	20.00	0
C. Juarez	8,000	Eugenio Rodriguez	25.00	0
Chihuiriachic	1,000	Epitacio Madrid	25.00	0
El Refugio	200	José Ibañez	25.00	8.00
Guerrero	2,000	Cristóbal Gonzalez	25.00	0
San Isidro	900	Srita. Jesus Orozco	25.00	12.50
Huerta		Sra. Gertrudis Trasviña	4.00	0
Chinobampo	1,000	Francisco Magdaleno	25.00	0
Guadalajara	90,000	Srita. Josefa de la Mora	15.00	0
Tlajomulco	4,000	Miguel Magdaleno	35.00	0
S. Sebastian	400	Lino Pacas	15.00	0
La Barca	8,000	José Lara	30.00	0
Citala	500	Sebastian Ramos	25.00	0
Minas Prietas	1,500	Jesus Guzman	45.00	0
Parral	10,000	Srita. Luz Caballero	10.00	0
Zaragoza	2,000	Srita. Josefa Palamantes	20.00	8.00

A. B. Case, Mission Sec.

A Summary of the Expenses of the Rio Grande Congregational Training School,

for the year ending June 30th, 1893.

Board,	$686.89	
Student Aid, for clothing and incidentals,	433.92	
Salaries, A.C.W. 1200;Miss Stahl 480; Mrs. Stahl 540; Mr. Birlew 257; Mr. Spear 88-	2565.00	
Expense of Printing Office,	63.90	
Out-fit, Furniture & Repairs,	429.21	
Text-books & Reference Library,	141.41	
Stationery and Postage,	31.05	
Rent of Buildings,	593,75	
Material for Manual Training Dept.,	115.91	
Fuel,	58.60	
Water,	65.55	
Expenses of Visiting Lecturers & Com.	121.75	
Incidentals,	11.05	
Received Board & Tuition,		$ 94.50
Total Cost of School for year,		~~52x43x29x~~ 5223.49
	5317.99	5317.99
Share of each Society,	2611.75	

Mexico Mission.

Estimates for the year 1894.

			Mexican
Salaries: Bissell 2160; Case 2160; Crawford 2160;		6,480 00	
Eaton 1980; Olds 1620; Howland 1872;		5,472 00	
Miss Dunning 810, Miss Holcomb 810, Miss Prescott 810		2,430 00	
Miss Haskins 720, Miss White 720		1,440 00	15,822 00
Native Helpers: 10 Men,	3,660		
8 Women Teachers,	1,570		5,230 00
Rents:- Fuerte 252, Guad.a 684, Juarez 84		1,020 00	
Out-stations		663 00	1,683 00
Boarding Schools:- Chihuahua,	850		
Guadalajara 600 Hermosillo 275	875		1,725 00
Students' Evangelistic Work (in vacation)			300 00
Horse-Keep in part: (7 Stations at $50 each,)			350 00
Missionary Tours from all Stations			680 00
Taxes 326.38; Remittances 80.			406 38
"El Testigo"			600 00
Book-store & Printing (and Postage)			265 00
Travelling Expenses to Annual Meeting			420 00
Repairs & Incidentals			310 00
Total, Mexican Silver			27,791 38
Less for Gold (at 60% prem.)			10,421 77
In Gold,		17,369 61	
One-half Expenses Training School		3,228 00	
Total in Gold,		$20,597 61	
Add Miss Burrows of Hermosillo (new mess.)		450	

Have to pay Rent in July 1.

Contingents:-

Boarding Sch.s: Chih.a 100, Guad.a 100		200 00
Day Schools: Parral 75, Las Cuevas 170,		245 00
Bible Woman, El Fuerte		60 00
Missy Tours.		120 00
Rents: Ayo 60, Allende 36, Guerrero 180, Juarez 36,		312 00
Native Helpers for Case 300, Crawford 420, Olds 420,		1,140 00
Repairs & Incidents.		50 00
Total		2,127 00
Less for Gold (at 1.60)		797 62
In Gold	$1,329 38	

Notes on the foregoing:-

Woman's Work includes the following:

Eight Teachers,	1,570 00	
Boarding Schools,	1,725 00	Mexican.
Four Ladies to An'l Meeting	90 00	3,385 00

And Contingents:-

Boarding Schools	200 00	
Day Schools	245 00	
Bible Woman	60 00	505 00

Amounts expected from natives will hardly exceed those reported by Sec'y Rev. A. B. Case for year ending Mar. 31, 1893, - since continued short crops and fall in silver have made the people poorer.

Order of importance could not be determined in arranging contingents.

Estimates were arranged by Messrs. Case and Wright, of the Committee on Estimates, in consultation with Mr. Howland, chairman of Mission, in El Paso, Texas, June 1. 1893.

With some slight modifications by Messrs. Wright and Eaton, of same committee, they are now sent to Boston.

For the Committee,
James D. Eaton
Chairman.

Chihuahua,
September 15. 1893.

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MISSION OF THE AMERICAN BOARD TO MEXICO.

Rev. H. M. Bissell	El Fuerte.
Rev. A. B. Case.	Parral.
Rev. M. A. Crawford.	Hermosillo.
Rev. J. D. Eaton.	Chihuahua.
Rev. John Howland	Guadalajara.
Rev. O. C. Olds,	Cusihuiriachic.
Rev. A. C. Wright.	El Paso, Texas.

THE RIO GRANDE

CONGREGATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL.

Supported jointly by

THE AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS,

AND

THE NEW WEST EDUCATION COMMISSION.

El Paso Texas.

ESTIMATES for TRAINING SCHOOL, for 1894.

Salaries, Wright, 1200; Hoblit, 480, Matron 500, Ibañez 135--$2315.00		
Board of Students,		1296.00
Clothing and Incidentals Allowance,		575.00
Fuel, Lights, Outfit,		300.00
Text-books, Postage, Stationery & Printing,		150.00
Lecturers, Incidentals,		125.00
Material for Manual Training Dep't.		150.00
Rent of Building,		750.00
Total		5661.00
Share of each Society,	$2830.50	

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For 1894
Rec'd Oct. 22, '93

A. B. C. F. M.

N. B. See explanatory notes on the reverse of this sheet.

Mexico Mission. ANNUAL TABULAR VIEW for the Year ending March 31 1894 (State when the year ends.)

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NAMES OF STATIONS AND OUT-STATIONS. (In Alphabetical Order.)	When begun.	Missionaries and Assistants. American. Ordained.	Medical Men not ordained.	Other Men.	Wives.	Other Women.	Total.	Native. Ordained.	Other Preachers.	Teachers.	Other Helpers.	Total.	Total American and Native.	Preaching. Places for Stated Preaching.	Average Congregations.	Sabbath-School Membership.	Adherents.	Population within reach of Station (including Out-Stations).	Churches. No. of Churches.	Members.	Of whom are Women.	Received on Confession.	Whole Number from the First.	Education. Theological Schools.	Students.	College, Boarding, and High Schools. For Boys.	Pupils.	For Girls.	Pupils.	Common Schools. Number.	Male Pupils.	Female Pupils.	Others under Instruction.	Grand Total under Instruction.	Payments by the People. For Preaching.	For Building and Repairing (Church and School).	For Schools (Salaries and Tuition).	For Missions (Home and Foreign).	Miscellaneous.	Total for all Purposes.	Remarks.
Mating:-																																										
Chihuahua.	1882	1	0	0	1	2	4	0	1	1	0	2	6	1	80	122	200	70,000	1	109	67	15	167	-	-	-	-	1	21	1	23	32	1	77	56 37	95 78	116 50	26 73	71 17	366 55 (352 03) (9,910)	
Out-Stations:-																																										
Jimenez	'92								1	0	0	1	1	1	20	18	25	5,000	-	-	-	-	-												11 10	-	-	-	13 00	24 10	
San Buenaventura	'89													1	18	30	40	7,500	1	30	17	5	30												30 00	300 00			3 50	333 50	
Villa Lopez	'88								1	1	0	2	2	1	21	25	50	1,500	-	-	-	-	-							1	14	21	0	35	5 40	-	81 62	-	-	87 02	

Notes:- (1) The 109 members of the Chihuahua church include
14 (8 women) received in V. Lopez, and
6 (2 women) " " Jimenez
20. Of these 20, 10 were received during the year.

(2) English congregation gave in addition, for Church edifice $164 93

(3) Received for board & clothing in Boarding School, $364 64

(4) Sales of Books & Periodicals amounted to $720 81; of which $285 26 were religious.
Also 160 Bibles, 89 Testaments & 92 Portions were circulated, & 100 55 were received for them

James D. Eaton
Chihuahua

Rec'd Oct. 5, 1894

If the summary of each mission give here the *number* of Out-Stations . . .

TOTAL . . . . . .

Name of Station Chihuahua — ANNUAL TABULAR VIEW for the Year ending March 31, 1894 — Mexico Mission.

CHURCHES.

Name of Town or Village.	Population of District.	Date Begun.	Name of Church.	Preaching Places.	Organized Churches.	Churches Entirely Self-Supporting.	Adherents.	Communicants.	Added by Confession during Year.	Average Congregation.	Sabbath Schools.	Sabbath School Teachers.	Sabbath School Scholars.	Church Buildings Owned.	Preacher's Houses Owned.	Preacher's Salary.	Rent.	Other Expenses.	Total Expenses.	Paid by the People (Church).	Other Local Receipts.	Granted by the Board or Society.	Salaries & Expens. of Bible Women, Colporteurs, and Evangelists.	Contributions to Home and Foreign Missions.	Contributions to Building Funds.	Total Native Contributions.	Granted by Society for Church and School Buildings.
Totals.	29,000	'82		4	2	0	315	155	24	143	4	14	171	1	1	$405.00	$66.25	$67.55	$538.80	$67.25	$317.80	$471.25	$377.15	$15.30	$249.00	$385.35	0
Chihuahua	20,000	1887	Holy Trinity	1	1	0	200	109	15	80	1	8	114	1	1	~~$[illegible]~~	0	$35.30	$35.30	$35.30	$121.30	0	$377.15	$18.30	$61.50	$156.60	0
San Buenaventura	2,500	'89	?	1	1	0	40	30	5	28	1	2	30	0	0	0	0	20.00	20.00	20.00	187.50	0	0	0	187.50	207.50	0
Villa Lopez	1,500	'88		1	0	0	50	10	3	20	1	2	15	0	0	165.00	11.25	5.00	181.25	5.00	0	176.25	0	0	0	5.00	0
Jiménez	5,000	'92		1	0	0	25	6	1	15	1	2	12	0	0	240.00	55.00	7.25	302.25	7.25	9.00	295.00	0	0	0	16.25	0

EDUCATION.

Name of Town or Village.	Students for the Ministry.	Students in Special Bible Training.	Boys in Boarding and High Schools.	Girls in Boarding and High Schools.	Number of Day Schools.	Pupils in Day Schools.	Boys in Day Schools.	Girls in Day Schools.	How many are Christians.	How many attend Sabbath Schools.	How many united with the Church during the Year.	Foreign Teachers or Missionaries employed (Men).	Foreign Teachers or Missionaries employed (Women).	Native Teachers (Men).	Native Teachers (Women).	Non-Christian Teachers.	Salaries of Native Teachers.	Rent.	Other Expenses.	Total Expenses.	Received in Fees.	Native Contributions for Schools.	Other Local Aid.	Granted by the Board or Society.
Totals.	0	0	0	21	2	88	34	54	19	38	8	0	2	0	2	0	$274.28	$11.25	$805.50	$[illegible]	$308.38	0	$34.00	$673.25
Chihuahua	0	0	0	21	1	56	23	33	15	28	8	0	2	0	1	0	$137.14	0	~~$[illegible]~~ $788.62	$925.76	~~$[illegible]~~ $257.37	0	$34.00	$531.25
San Buenaventura	0	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Villa Lopez	0	0	0	0	1	32	21	21	4	10	0	0	0	0	1	0	$137.14	$11.25	$16.88	$27.13	$57.01	0	0	$142.50
Jiménez	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

N.B. At considerable trouble, amounts were reduced to U.S. currency, because of a recent request to put items in that money, — before noticing last "note" on other side. To get items in Mexican dollars again, multiply by 1.60, for that year.

James D. Eaton.

Chihuahua, Nov. 22, 1894

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		AMERICAN.						NATIVE.																																	
	When begun.	Ordained.	Medical Men not ordained.	Other Men.	Wives.	Other Women.	Total.	Ordained.	Other Preachers.	Teachers.	Other Helpers.	Total.	Total American and Native.	Places for Stated Preaching.	Average Congregations.	Sabbath-School Membership.	Adherents.	Population within limits of Stations (including Out-Stations).	No. of Churches.	Members.	Of whom are Women.	Received on Confession.	Whole Number from the First.	Theological Schools.	Students.	COLLEGE, BOARDING, AND HIGH SCHOOLS. For Boys.	Pupils.	For Girls.	Pupils.	COMMON SCHOOLS. Number.	Male Pupils.	Female Pupils.	Others under Instruction.	Grand Total under Instruction.	For Preaching.	For Building and Repairs (Church and School).	For Schools (Salaries and Tuition).	For Missions (Home and Foreign).	Miscellaneous.	Total for all Purposes.	
Ciudad Juárez & El Paso Tex	1885	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	3	1	18	25	60	10000	1	38	22	0	51	1	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	17					95.00	95.00	Printed 55 & 40 pages — Bible work — Institute 115 — Rio del Norte Conference $57.30 extra. Institute about acc. $100 — Rio del Norte Conference $10.25 Bible work — Institute received for R. del Norte — also received for religious literature. It should be added $17.50 Bible work — Institute received for the school work of the church in Juárez 20 acc. money, of which about one-third was for the religious training. The El Paso church, which is reported as a preaching place, is a church after the Mexican dance.

the summary of each mission give here the *number* of Out-Stations . . . . . .

AND TOTAL . . . . . .

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Guichuirochic	Aug. 88						0		1			0		1	12?	15?	25	5000.	1	38	22	10	48											0								Visited 4 times
El Refugio	Apr. 91						0					0		1	20				0															0								" 2 "
Guerrero	Jan. 92						0		1			1	1	1	15	25	50		0															0								" 3 "
Nanigupa	June 93						0		1			1	1	1	10?		50		0															0								" 3 "
San Pedro							0			1		1	1	1	15	20?			1	20	12	0	20							1	10	30		40	5.00		$75.			8000		" 3 "

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Fuente	Apr. 91.	1			1		2			1		1	3	23	35	35	50	32,000	1	13	10	4	16							1	4	22	4	30			8.25		6.84	15.09	Bibles sold 27; N.T. 26; Por. 32. Value $33.89 — " — Book sales. Secular $87.53 Evangel. 22.60 " Tracts 8.75 118.85

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GRAND TOTAL . . . . . .

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Guadalajara	1872	1	—	—	1	2	4	—	1	1	—	2	6	3	98	110	250	500000!	1	90	38	5	114	—	—	—	—	1	27	1	27	19	—	62	$60.76	30.63	196.50	—	20.50	308.39	$96.34 English Congregation
Estatimo	1882																																								
La Barca	1885	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	1	1	10	—	15	10000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6.10	—	—	—	—	6.10	
Tlajomulco	188	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	2	2	2	45	50	100	15000	1	45	19	2	91	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	13	5	—	18	8.25	6.00	—	—	—	14.25	

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Hermosillo	'86	1			1	1	3		1		1	2	5	2	22	30	45	10,000	1	8	4	6	35		2			1	3		21	12	3	41					Currents Expenses $79.69		The church has paid all its own expenses & no more all very poor.
La Colorada Minas Prietas									1	4		1	1	1	20	15	30	2,000	1	5	2	5	9								3	6		9					Currents Expes $25.00		The Ch. has borne its own expenses for light Books &c and that is all.
																		Bibles sold																							
																		N. Testt "																							
																		Total																							
																						cash																			
																		1156	546= =1752		$904.01		and	Religious Books $38.25						Secular Books $12.50				Total $50.75			Periodicals El Faro 26		El Testigo 21	= $34.25	

In the summary of each mission give here the *number* of Out-Stations . . . .

GRAND TOTAL . . . . . .

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Parral	Nov. '84	2[1]	0	0	2[1]	1	5	0	0	1	1[2]	2	7	1	50	92	125	12000 ±	1	89	42	2	104	0				1	7	1	15	42		64	25.07	$34.00	29.72			88.79	
Las Cuevas	'88													1	30	25	100		1	74	35	2	75	0						0				58								
Zaragoza	88									1				1	20	25	45		1	25?		0	29?	0						1	8	10		18	2.07					2.07	
																																			4.00		30.00			34.00	

1. Including Mr. & Mrs Case, who are living in California.

Colporteur under Bible Society

. C. F. M.

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uralva																																										
u Out-Stations	1887	1	–	–	1	2	4	–	3	2	–	5	9	4	139	195	315	29000	2	139	84	20	197	–	–	–	–	1	21	1	23	32	1	77	102 87	395 28	198 12	26 73	87 67	811 17	
ad Juarez	1885																																									
Out-Stations		1	–	–	1	–	2	–	1	–	–	1	3	1	18	25	60	10000	1	38	22	–	51	1	15	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	17	–	–	–	–	92 50	92 50	
huiachic																																										
Out-Stations.	1888	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	1	–	3	3	5	72	60	125	5000	2	58	38	10	68	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	10	30	–	40	5 00	–	75 00	–	–	80 00	
tle																																										
ul-Stations.	1891	1	–	–	1	–	2	–	–	1	–	1	3	23	35 805×1	35	50	32000	1	13	10	4	16	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	4	22	4	30	–	–	8 25	–	6 84	15 09	
alajara –																																										
Out-Stations	(1872) 1882	1	–	–	1	2	4	1	3	1	–	5	9	6	153	160	365	500000	2	135	57	7	205	–	–	–	–	1	27	2	40	24	–	91	75 11	36 63	193 50	–	205 50	328 24	
uosillo –																																										
ut-Stations.	1886	1 1×2	–	–	1	1	3	–	2	–	1	3	6	3	42	45	75	12000	2	13	6	11	44	–	2	–	–	1	3	2	24	18	3	50	–	–	–	–	104 69	104 69	
al –																																										
Out-Stations.	1884	2 2×3	–	–	2 2×3	1	5	–	–	2	1	3	8	3	100	142	270	12000	3	188	90	4	208	–	–	–	–	1	7	2	22	52	–	81	31 14	34 00	59 72	–	–	124 86	
the summary of each mission give here the *number* of Out-Stations																																										
AND TOTAL		7	–	–	7	6	20	1	11	8 7	2	21	41	45	559	642	1260	900000	13	554	303	56	789	1	17	0	0	4	58	9	123	178	10	386	214 12	466 41	537 58	26 73	229 20	1,474 05	

tes 1.- Mrs. Bissell reports Av.at of 35 at each of 23 places, which reckoned as others are would give him av. at at all places - 805.

2 - Deceased since close of the year.

3 - Counting Mr. & Mrs. Case, who are in the U. S. -

A. M. Wright -
Corr. Sec'y -

El Paso, Texas, June 28th, 1894.

Supplementary Statistics of the Mexico Mission for year ending March 31st 1894.

Stations.	Pages printed.	Contributions to Eng. Congreg.	Rec'd for Board & Clothing in School.	Scriptures distributed	Rec'd for Scriptures	Rec'd for Religious Books	Rec'd for Secular Books
Chihuahua.		$164.93	$364.64	331	$100.55	$285.26	$435.61
Juárez.	55,200			115	51.30	225.00	57.95
Chihuiquachic.				152	43.07	101.50	84.00
Cerral.				85	33.89	31.35	87.53
Guadalajara.	249,600	96.34	106.50	Not Reported.			
Sonoquillo.				3,404	904.01	72.50	12.50
Parral				93	26.94	105.05	119.07
Total.	304,800	261.27	471.14	4,180	1,159.76	820.66	1,096.66

A. C. Wright.
Cor. Sec'y Mission.

El Paso, Texas, June 29th - 1894.

Mexico Mission.

Estimates for the year 1895.

		Gold
Salaries:-		
Bissell 1500, Eaton 1200, Howland 1080,	3,780 00	
Olds 1050, Wagner 500	1,550 00	
Miss Burrows 500, Miss Dunning 500	1,000 00	
Miss Haskins 450, Miss Prescott 500	950 00	
Miss White	450 00	7,730 00
Native Helpers:-		
13 Men 2,711 43/100; 9 Women teachers 1074 28/100		3,785 71
Rents:-		
Fuerte 144 00/100, Guadalajara 548 57/100	692 57	
Juarez 68 57/100, Parral 68 57/100, Outstations 363 43/100	500 57	1,193 14
Missy Tours, from 7 stations		331 43
Students' Evangelistic Work (in vacation)		192 86
Boarding Schools: (for girls)		
Chih 542 86/100; Guad 371 43/100, Hermosillo 157 14/100		1,071 43
Horse-keep, in part, 7 stations		200 00
Taxes 164 48/100; Remittances 45 71/100		210 19
Care of property in Cusihuiriachic		57 14
"El Testigo"		342 86
Bookstore, Printing & Postage		117 14
Trav. Expenses to Annual Meeting		285 71
" " Delegate to S.S. Convention		22 86
Repairs & Incidentals		185 72
One-half El Paso Training School		2,844 00
		$18,570 19

If we allow Mr. Cosio's Salary for his successor $1,350 00
and Miss Holcomb's successor 570 00
there is yet a Balance of 349 81 — 2,199 81
Limit put by Prud. Com. 20,770 00

Premium on exchange, estimated at 75%

James D. Eaton } Com. on
Otis C. Olds } Estimates.

Chihuahua, June 5. 1894.

Mexico Mission

Amounts expected from the natives in 1895.

Chihuahua station & out-stations		
For Preaching,	230 00	
" Schools,	215 00	445 00
Cusihuiriachic &c.		
For Preaching	10 00	
" School	75 00	85 00
Fuerte:		
For Preaching	12 00	
" School	23 00	35 00
Guadalajara & out-stations,		
For Preaching	65 00	
" Schools,	104 00	169 00
Hermosillo &c.		
For Preaching	100 00	
" School	??	100 00
Juarez:		
For Preaching		15 00
Parral &c. —		
For Preaching	35 00	
" Schools	60 00	95 00
		944 00

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Chihuahua,
June 5. 1894.

How many church buildings or chapels are owned by Mission or church? 1

How many church buildings or chapels are rented by Mission or church? 2

How many churches have no building owned or rented? 1

How many separate school-houses are owned? 0

How many schools? 2 Scholars? 88 Christian Scholars? 19

How many native teachers? 2 How many teachers are not Christians? 0

What was the total cost of running the schools? $952.89 gold

How much of this was paid by the people? 308.38 "

How much was paid by the Board or Society? 673.75 "

How much was paid for their board by the pupils? 141.00 "

What was the total amount of native contributions for objects outside the Mission? $15.30 "

FINANCIAL SUMMARY.

IN NATIVE CURRENCY.

OBJECTS FOR WHICH MONEY WAS GIVEN.	BY CHURCH.	OTHER LOCAL RECEIPTS.	GRANTS BY BOARD OR SOCIETY.	TOTAL.
Pastors' salaries and rents	$ ~~106.00~~	~~000~~	106.00	106.00
Other church expenses and rents	108.08	—	106.00	214.08
School expenses and teachers' salaries	—	446.62	1,078.00	1,524.62
General evangelistic work	—	—	1,044.00	1,044.00
Church and school buildings	398.40	70.00	—	468.40
Benevolence				24.48
Totals (in native currency) Mex. Silver	506.48	516.62	2,334.00	3,381.58
Equivalent in U. S. gold @ 1.60	$316.55	$322.88	$1,408.75	$2,113.44

Total cost of conducting Mission (not including native contributions), in U. S. gold, $17,506.18

Dated Nov. 22, 1894 Made out by James D. Eaton

(over)

Notes:-

As will be observed, the figures given are for Chihuahua Station and out-stations only.

Two questions left in blank on first page can perhaps be filled out, from "Financial Summary", by those who understand them precisely.

Rate of Exchange is the average prevailing during period covered by report.

Statistics are for year ending March 31, 1894, as gathered for Mission purposes the last time.

Cost of mission is that for the year ending Aug. 31, 1894, as reported by Treas. Ward. It would not be practicable to obtain the figures for the year ending Mar. 31, - with accuracy.

Church in San Buenaventura might be called "self-supporting", as it has never had a native preacher on salary, except a student in two summer vacations

Some of the questions are open to more than one interpretation; and I doubt if any two of our stations would understand all from same point of view

Questions Relating to Self-Support of Churches in Mission Fields.

Name of Board or Society A. B. C. F. M.

Name of Mission Mexico Country Mexico

Limits of field Chihuahua city & 2 out-stations Population 29,000

When was Mission organized? in 1882 Languages Spanish

How many missionaries, men and women? Four

How many church members—communicants? 155 (station & outstations)

What was cost last year of conducting Mission, exclusive of native contributions? $17,506 18 gold.

What was the total amount of native contributions? $385 35 gold

Are contributions from self-supporting churches included? no

How many organized churches? 2

How many native pastors? 0

What is the total of their salaries and rents? 0

How many foreign missionaries are acting as pastors of organized churches? 1

How much do the churches contribute toward such service? 0

How many licentiates and preachers are assisting in pastoral work? 3

How many Bible-women? 0

What is the total amount of their salaries and rents? $661,25 gold

What were the total church expenses, including salaries, last year?

How much of this was paid by the people? $385 35 gold

How much was paid by the Mission?

How many churches are entirely self-supporting? 0

How many churches pay one-half of the church expenses and pastors' salaries? 0

How many churches pay less than one-half of church expenses and pastors' salaries? 2

How many churches pay no part of the church expenses and pastors' salaries? 0

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Mexico Mission. ANNUAL TABULAR VIEW for the Year ending March 31st 1895 (State when the year ends.)

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Names of Stations and Out-Stations. (In Alphabetical Order.)	When begun.	Missionaries and Assistants. American. Ordained.	American. Medical Men not ordained.	American. Other Men.	American. Wives.	American. Other Women.	American. Total.	Native. Ordained.	Native. Other Preachers.	Native. Teachers.	Native. Other Helpers.	Native. Total.	Total American and Native.	Preaching. Places for Stated Preaching.	Average Congregations.	Sabbath-School Membership.	Adherents.	Population within limits of Station (including Out-Stations).
Chihuahua	1882	1	0	0	1	2	4	0	1	2	0	3	7	1	85	125	200	30.000
Jimenez	'92	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	38	30	50	
Buenaventura	'89	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	15	20	40	
Villa Lopez	1888	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	2	1	20	25	50	
Cusihuriachic	'88	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	3	18	28		5.000
Guerrero	'92	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	30	25	75	
Namiquipa	'92	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	—	—		
San Isidro		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	2	—	25	—	
El Paso	'92	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	2	0	2	4	1	50	60	150	15.000
C. Juarez	1885	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	18	25	50	
El Fuerte	'91	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	23	30	29	56	32.000
Guadalajara	'82	1	0	0	1	2	4	0	0	1	2	3	7	5	77	115	200	500.000
Tlajomulco	'84	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	25	48	100	
Hermosillo	'86	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	3	1	28	35	50	15.000
Las Pintas		0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	2	2	30	20	50	
Parral	'84	2	0	0	1	2	5	0	0	1	0	1	6	1	50	80	100	12.000
Corral de Piedras	'94	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	40	20	65	
El Potrero	1890	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	15	8	22	
Las Cuevas	'88	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	20	20	30	
Piedra Alumbre	'94	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	20	15	20	
Zaragoza	1887	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	1	40	40	70	
San Sylvestre	'91	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	50	0	60	
In the summary of each mission give here the number of Out-Stations 15.																		
GRAND TOTAL 7.		7	0	0	6	7	20	1	6	11	5	23	43	53	689	793	1438	609.000

Names of Stations and Out-Stations.	Churches. No. of Churches.	Members.	Of whom are Women.	Received on Confession.	Whole Number from the First.	Education. Theological Schools.	Students.	College, Boarding, and High Schools. For Boys.	Pupils.	For Girls.	Pupils.	Common Schools. Number.	Male Pupils.	Female Pupils.	Others under Instruction.	Grand Total under Instruction.
Chihuahua	1	112	66	20	192	0	0	0	0	1	21	1	28	46	6	101
Jimenez	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	8
Buenaventura	1	30	17	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Villa Lopez	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	11	23	2	36
Cusihuriachic	1	36				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Guerrero	0	included in Cusi.				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Namiquipa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Isidro	1	28	18	0	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	19	20	0	39
El Paso	1	57	28	14	61	1	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	22
C. Juarez	1	38	22	0	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
El Fuerte	1	15	10	4	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Guadalajara	1	98	43	0	122	0	0	0	0	1	35	1	10	15	0	60
Tlajomulco	1	47	23	4	79	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	13	16	0	29
Hermosillo	1	25	15	0	44	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	8	10	0	20
Las Pintas	1	6	4	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	16	2	24
Parral	1	102	50	11	119	0	0	0	0	1	7	1	25	50	4	86
Corral de Piedras	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8	15	0	23
El Potrero	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Las Cuevas	1	69	36	1	76	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Piedra Alumbre	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zaragoza	1	39	20	3	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8	12	0	20
San Sylvestre	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GRAND TOTAL	14	702	352	65	875	1	17	0	0	4	65	10	136	223	29	470

Names of Stations and Out-Stations.	Payments by the People. For Preaching.	For Building and Repairs (Church and School).	For Schools (Salaries and Tuition).	For Missions (Home and Foreign).	Miscellaneous.	Total for all Purposes.	Remarks.
Chihuahua	$89.88	$37.00	$112.75	$23.50	$9.90	$292.53	
Jimenez	$11.50	0	0	0	$10.40	$21.90	
Buenaventura	30.00	0	0	0	0	30.00	
Villa Lopez	4.60	0	33.75	0	2.50	40.85	
Cusihuriachic	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Guerrero	0	39.00	0	0	0	39.00	
Namiquipa	0	0	0	0	0	0	
San Isidro	5.00	0	$120.00	0	0	$125.00	
El Paso	0	25.00	30.00	0	70.00	$125.00	
C. Juarez	0	0	0	0	$15.00	$15.00	
El Fuerte	0	5.00	0	5.00	5.36	$15.36	
Guadalajara	0	56.25	125.00	0	27.67	$208.92	
Tlajomulco	0	18.04	0	0	20.55	38.59	
Hermosillo	23.50	37.52	22.72	0	55.13	138.87	
Las Pintas	9.00	0	0	0	20.00	29.00	
Parral	54.81	0	11.00	0	0	$65.81	
Corral de Piedras	3.00	0	24.00	0	0	27.00	
El Potrero	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Las Cuevas	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Piedra Alumbre	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Zaragoza	10.00	0	12.00	0	0	$22.00	
San Sylvestre	0	0	0	0	0	0	
GRAND TOTAL	240.79	237.84	491.22	28.50	236.51	$1234.86	

Additional Statistics of the Mexican Mission. 1894-1895.

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Summary

Stations	Pages printed	Paid for Board and Clothing	Copies of the Scriptures distributed	Received for sale of the Scriptures	Received from sale of religious literature	Received from sale of secular literature.
Chihuahua	0	$343.50	276	$78.89	$281.18	$692.86
El Paso	61,600	0	78	19.87	250.00	30.50
Hermosillo	0	24.50	1,405	379.60	45.20	6.50
Parral	0	.0	348	142.14	231.60	239.04
Fuerte	no report					
Guadalajara	"		"			
Total		$368.00	2,107	$614.50	$807.98	$968.90

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SALARY FORM.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

SALARIES Estimates MISSION to Mexico for 1896

Stations and Names of Missionaries.	Personal Salary.	Children in Country.	Children in United States.	Total Salary.
Chihuahua:	Rent			
J. D. Eaton	1,000.00 + 108.00	50.00	150.00	1,308.00
Miss Dunning	500 + 45.00			545.00
Miss Hammond	500 + 45.00			545.00
Cusihuiriachic:				
H. J. Wagner	500.00 + 45.00	—	—	545.00
Fuerte				
H. M. Bissell	1,000.00 + 134.10	250.00	240.00	1,624.10
Guadalajara:				
Jno. Howland	900.00 + 97.20	180.00	—	1,177.20
Miss Haskins	450.00 + 40.50			490.50
~~Miss White~~	~~450 + 40.50~~	out.		490.50
Hermosillo:				
A. B. Case	1,000.00 + 126.00	200.00	200.00	1,526.00
Miss Burris	500.00 + 45.00			545.00
Parral:				
O. C. Olds	500.00 + 49.50	—	50.00	599.50
Miss Prescott	500 + 45.00			545.00
Add for Mrs Wagner	500.00			

GENERAL WORK FORM.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Estimates For Mexico Mission for 1896

Chihuahua Station.

Genl. Work A.B.C.F.M.		Mexican silver	
Native Agency:-			
1 Helper in Chihuahua	$420.		
1 " " Jimenez	420.		
1 " " San Buenaventura	480.	1,320.00	
Buildings:-			
Chapel & dwelling in Jimenez	144.		
" " " San Buena.	60.		
Chapel in Villa Lopez	24.		
Repairs	50.		
Taxes	38.30	316.30	
Miscellaneous:-			
Touring $125.; part Horse-Keep $50	175.		
Printing & Postage	50.		
Incidentals	17.50	242.50	
Mission Treasurer's Office:-			
Remittances etc	100.00	100.00	1,978.80
Genl. Work, Women's Boards:-			
Education:-			
1 Teacher in Chihuahua	360.		
1 " " V. Lopez	240.		
Boarding School	950.	1,550.00	
Buildings:-			
Repairs in chih.a	50.		
Taxes " "	38.30		
School in V. Lopez	24.	112.30	
Miscellaneous:-			
Incidentals	17.50	17.50	1,679.80
Genl. Work Total			3,657.60

Reduced to U.S. cy by dividing by 1.75 :—

General Work A.B.C.F.M. 1,130.74

" " Women's Bds 959.89

GENERAL WORK FORM.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Estimates For Mexico Mission for 1896

Cusihuiriachic Station.

		Mexican	Silver
General Work A.B.C.F.M.			
Native Agency:-			
1 Helper	$420.	420.00	
Buildings:-			
Chapel in Gacevero.	120.		
Repairs	50.		
Taxes,	30.	200.00	
Miscellaneous:-			
Touring 100, part Horse-Keep 50	150.		
Printing + Postage,	40.		
Incidentals	10.	200.00	820.00
General Work, Women's Boards.			
Education:-			
1 Teacher in San Isidro,	240.	240.00	
Buildings:-			
School in San Isidro,	30	30.00	270.00
Genl Work Total			1,090.00

Reduced to U.S. currency by dividing by 1.75

Genl Work A.B.C.F.M. $468.57

" " Women's Boards, 154.28

GENERAL WORK FORM.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Estimates For Mexico Mission for 1896

El Paso Station.

	Mexican Silver		
General Work A.B.C.F.M.			
Native Agency:-			
1 Helper	480.		
Students' Vacation Work	400.	880.00	
Buildings:-			
Chapel & dwelling in Juarez.	180.	180.00	
Miscellaneous:-			
Touring[40], park Horse-Keep[50]	90.		
Printing & Postage	15.		
Trav. Exp. to Annual Meeting	18.		
Incidentals	10	133.00	1,193.00
Genl Work Total,			1,193.00

Genl Work A.B.C.F.M. $227.43
" Women's Board

Reduced to U.S. currency by dividing by 1.75

Genl Work A.B.C.F.M.	$681.71
One-half Training School	2665.00
	3,346.71

GENERAL WORK FORM.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Estimates For Mexico Mission for 1896

Fuerte Station.

		Mexican	Silver
General Work A.B.C.F.M.			
Buildings:-			
Chapel in Fuerte	$48.	48.00	
Miscellaneous:-			
Touring 115, part Horse-Keep 50	165.		
Printing & Postage	25.		
Trav.g Exp.s to Annual Meeting	150.		
Incidentals	10.	350.00	
Genl. Work Total			398.00

Reduced to U.S. currency by dividing by 1.75.

Genl Work A.B.C.F.M.	$227.43		
" " Women's Boards	—		
Boarding School			
Special Appropriation			
Buildings			
School in Guadalajara			
Repairs			
Miscellaneous			
Trav. Exp. to Annual Meeting			
Incidentals			1,310.50
Genl Work Total			3,356.00

Reduced to U.S. by dividing by 1.75

Genl Work A.B.C.F.M.

" " Women's Boards

GENERAL WORK FORM.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Estimates For Mexico Mission for 1896

Guadalajara Station.

General Work, A.B.C.F.M.		Mexican Silver	
Native Agency:-			
1 Helper (ordained)	420.		
1 "	300		
1 "	240		
1 "	180	1,140.00	
Buildings:-			
Chapel & dwelling in Tlacomulco.	18.		
Repairs	12.50		
Taxes,	60.	90.50	
Miscellaneous:-			
"El Testigo"	600.		
Touring	75.		
Printing & Postage	50.		
Trav. Exp. to Ann.l Meeting	72.50		
Incidentals	17.50	815.00	2,045.50
General Work, Women's Boards.			
Education:-			
Boarding School,	650.		
1 Teacher, Tlacomulco,	180.	830.00	
Buildings:-			
School in Guadalajara	360.		
" " Tlacomulco	18.		
Repairs	12.50	390.50	
Miscellaneous:-			
Trav. Exp. to Annual Meeting	72.50		
Incidentals	17.50	90.00	1,310.50
Gen.l Work Total,			3,356.00

Reduced to U.S. currency by dividing by 1.75

Gen.l Work A.B.C.F.M. - $1,168.86

" " Women's Boards, 748.86

GENERAL WORK FORM.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Estimates For Mexico Mission for 1896

Hermosillo Station.

		Mexican	Silver
General Work, A. B. C. F. M.			
Native Agency:-			
1 Helper	480.	480.00	
Buildings:-			
Repairs	50	50.00	
Miscellaneous:-			
Touring	75.		
Printing & Postage	50.		
Trav. Exp to Annual Meeting	85.	210.00	740.00
General Work, Women's Boards.			
Education:-			
1 Teacher, in Hermosillo	240.	240	
Miscellaneous:-			
Trav. Exp. to Anl Meeting	85.	85	325.00
Genl Work Total			1,065.00

Reduced to U.S. currency by dividing by 1.75

Genl Work A.B.C.F.M. $422.86
" " Women's Boards. 185.71

GENERAL WORK FORM.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Estimates For Mexico Mission for 1896

Parral Station.

		Mexican Silver	
General Work, A.B.C.F.M.			
Native Agency:-			
1 Helper	420.		
1 "	360.	780.00	
Buildings:-			
Chapel in Parral	120.		
Repairs	25.		
Taxes,	18.75	163.75	
Miscellaneous:-			
Touring 100, part Horse-Keep 50	150.		
Printing & Postage	40.		
Trav. Exp. to Ann. Meeting	14.		
Incidentals	12.50	216.50	1,1~~54~~60.75
General Work Women's Boards.			
Education:-			
1 Teacher	240.		
1 "	180.	420.00	
Buildings:-			
Repairs	25.		
Taxes,	18.75	43.75	
Miscellaneous:-			
Trav. Exp. to Ann. Meeting	14.00		
Incidentals	12.50	26.50	490.25
General Work Total			1,6~~49~~50.50

Reduced to U.S. currency by dividing by 1.75

General Work A.B.C.F.M., $~~662.43~~ 663.00

" " Women's Boards, 280.14

Rate of Exchange, 1.75

Date, Chihuahua June 19, 1895

Signed, James D. Eaton Comm. on Estimates

Notes & Explanations

SUMMARY.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

SUMMARY FOR Estimates MISSION to Mexico for 1896

STATIONS.	SALARIES. Gold	GENERAL WORK. A. B. C. F. M. Gold	GENERAL WORK. WOMEN'S BOARDS. Gold	TOTAL. Gold
Chihuahua	2,398.00	1,130.74	959.89	4,488.63
Cusihuiriachic	545.00	468.57	154.28	1,167.85
El Paso	———	3,346.71	———	3,346.71
Fuerte	1,624.10	227.43	———	1,851.53
Guadalajara	2,158.20	1,168.86	748.89	4,075.95
Hermosillo	2,071.00	422.86	185.71	2,679.57
Parral	1,144.50	662.43	280.14	2,087.07
General:-				
Trav. Exp. of Helpers to An. Meeting		28.57		28.57
Trav. Exp. of delegate to National "C.E." Convention		24.00		24.00
Totals	9,940.80	7,480.17	2,328.91	19,749.88
			Grand Total Asked,	19,749.88

Rate of Exchange, 1.75

Date, Chihuahua June 19, 1895

Signed, James D. Eaton, (Com. on Estimates)

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Notes + Explanations.

GENERAL WORK FORM.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

For Mexico Mission for 1896

~~Station.~~

(1) Rents paid for missy residences:		Mexican silver	
Fuerte station		144.00	
Guadalajara: Rev. J. Howland	360		
Lady Teachers	240	600.00	744.00
Rents charged against occupants of mission premises:-			
Chihuahua		200.00	
Cusihuiriáchic		120.00	
Hermosillo,		200.00	
Parral		150.00	670.00
Total			1,414.00

$1,414.00 Mex.n ÷ 1.75 = $808.00 U.S. cy., or a little less than nine per cent on sum of all the salaries. So we added 9% to salaries.

(2) Rate of exchange is same as last year, to keep on safe side.

(3) The W.B.M. supports Chihuahua station work. The others are sustained by W.B.M.S. unless Guadalajara be divided between the two.

(4) Mission voted unanimously to ask small sum. to bring a few helpers to An.-meeting.

(5) None of the helpers are installed as pastors, and only one is ordained.

(6) Amounts for Horse-keep at 5 of the stations scarcely meet one-half the expense; and the animals are used in touring.

(7) The "D.C.E." Convention will draw workers of nearly all denominations. We ought to send more than the one delegate.

(8) Amount asked is $680.31 gold less than appropriations for 1895; to say nothing of the $670.00 Mexican silver, charged for mission premises + included in the increased salaries, which sum will be held by Mission Treasurer.

But we suppose that Bro. H. T. Wagner will be married before the year 1896.

June 19. 1895 | James D. Eaton (Committee)

J. L. B.
8-11-96

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SALARY FORM.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

SALARIES Mexico MISSION Estimates for 1897

Stations and Names of Missionaries.	Personal Salary.	Children in Country.	Children in United States.	Total Salary.
				Gold
Chihuahua:-				
Mr. Ealow	1,106.20	1 – 50.00	1 – 130	1,286.20
Miss Dunning	545.00			545.00
Miss Hammond	545.00			545.00
El Paso:-				
Mr. Wright	1,103.50	3 – 150.00	—	1,253.50
Fuerte:-				
Mr. Bissell	1,134.10	3 – 250.00	2 – 240	1,624.10
Guadalajara:-				
Mr. Hoobland	997.20	3 – 180.00	—	1,177.20
Miss Hastins	490.50			490.50
Guerrero:-				
Mr. Wagner	1,090.00	—	—	1,090.00
Hermosillo:-				
Miss Burris	545.00			545.00
Parral:-				
Mr. Olds	549.50	—	1 – 50	599.50
Miss Prescott	545.00			545.00

Total salaries for Mexico Mission Estimates 9,701.00

The same in dollars.

GENERAL WORK FORM.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Estimates For Mexico Mission for 1897

Guerrero Station.

General Work A.B.C.F.M.			
Buildings:-			
Taxes:			
House in Cusihuiriachic	30.00		
Rents:			
Chapel in Guerrero,	144.00		
		174.00	
Miscellaneous:-			
Touring	100.00		
Horse-Keep, in part	50.00		
Publication & Postage	30.00		
Trav. Exp. to Ann. Meeting	18.00		
Incidentals	10.00		
		208.00	
Total A.B.C.F.M.			382.00
General Work, Women's Boards,			
Native Agency:-			
One Bible Woman, in Guerrero,		180.00	
Total, Women's Boards,			180.00

GENERAL WORK FORM.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Estimates For Mexico Mission for 1897

Parral Station.

General Work A.B.C.F.M.			
Native Agency:-			
One Helper in Parral & vicinity	360.00		
One do in Zaragoza,	480.00		
		840.00	
Buildings:-			
Taxes; Missy's Residence	37.50		
		37.50	
Miscellaneous:-			
Touring,	100.00		
House-Keep. in Park	50.00		
Publication & Postage	30.00		
Incidentals, one-half,	12.50		
		192.50	1,070.00
Total A.B.C.F.M.			
General Work, Women's Boards,			
Education:-			
One Ass't Teacher in Parral.	120.00		
One do at out-station	120.00		
		240.00	
Buildings:-			
Repairs, one-half.	25.00		
Rent (?)		25.00	
Miscellaneous:-			
Incidentals, one-half	12.50		
		12.50	
Total, Women's Boards,			277.50

GENERAL WORK FORM.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Estimates For Mexico Mission for 1897

Chihuahua Station.

General Work A.B.C.F.M.

Native Agency:-

One Helper in Batopilas	$420.00		
One do in Jimenez &c.	420.00		
		840.00	
Buildings:-			
Taxes; 1/2 Mission Compound,	38.30		
Rents;			
House in Batopilas, 180.00			
Ho. & Chapel in Jimenez 120.00	300.00		
		338.30	
Miscellaneous:-			
Touring,	150.00		
Horse-Keep, in part,	50.00		
Publication & Postage,	40.00		
Trav. Exp. to An. Meeting,	18.00		
Incidentals,	17.50		
		275.50	
Total A.B.C.F.M.			1,453.80

General Work Women's Boards.

Education:-			
One Ass't Teacher in Chih.a,	360.00		
Boarding School "	950.00	1,310.00	
Buildings:-			
Repairs, one-half Miss.n Comp.d	25.00		
Taxes, " " " "	38.30		
		63.30	
Miscellaneous:-			
Incidentals, one-half,	17.50		
		17.50	
Total, Women's Boards,			1,390.80

General. A.B.C.F.M.

Treas.rs Office; exchange, stationery &c.,	100.00		
Assistant, in part	180.00		
		280.00	

GENERAL WORK FORM.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Estimates For Mexico Mission for 1897

Hermosillo Station.

General Work A.B.C.F.M.		
Native agency:		
One helper in the State	480.00	
Total A.B.C.F.M.		480.00

GENERAL WORK FORM.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Estimates For Mexico Mission for 1897

Fuerte Station.

General Work A.B.C.F.M.			
Buildings:-			
Rents:			
Chapel in Fuerte		48.00	
Miscellaneous:-			
Touring,	125.00		
Horse Keep, in part	50.00		
Publication & Postage	25.00		
Trav. Exp. to Annual Meeting,	150.00		
Incidentals	10.00		
		360.00	
Total A.B.C.F.M.			408.00
Trav. Exp. to Ann. Meeting	65.00		
Incidentals, one half	17.50		
		197.50	
Total A.B.C.F.M.			995.50
General Work, Women's Boards:			
Education:-			
One Asst Teacher in Guad.a	180.00		
Boarding School	650.00		
		830.00	
Buildings:-			
Rents:			
School Building in G. part	360.00		
School room in Tecomulco	18.00		
Repairs to rented buildings, 1/2	12.50		
		390.50	
Miscellaneous:-			
Incidentals, one half,		17.50	
Total, Women's Boards,			1,238.00
A. General A.B.C.F.M. "El Testigo"		600.00	

GENERAL WORK FORM.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Estimates For Mexico Mission for 1897

Guadalajara Station.

General Work A.B.C.F.M.			
Native Agency:-			
One Helper in Tlacomulco	420.00		
One do in San Miguel,	300.00		
		720.00	
Buildings:-			
Taxes; Real estate & personal,	60.00		
Rents;			
Ho. & chapel in Tlacomulco	18.00		
		78.00	
Miscellaneous:-			
Touring	75.00		
Publication & Postage	40.00		
Trav. Exp. to Ann. Meeting	65.00		
Incidentals, one-half	17.50		
		197.50	
# Total A.B.C.F.M.			995.50
General Work, Women's Boards:			
Education:-			
One Ass't Teacher in Guad.a	180.00		
Boarding School "	650.00		
		830.00	
Buildings:-			
Rents;			
School Building in G. park	360.00		
School room in Tlacomulco	18.00		
Repairs to rented buildings, 1/2	12.50		
		390.50	
Miscellaneous:-			
Incidentals, one-half.		17.50	
Total, Women's Boards,			1,238.00
# General A.B.C.F.M. "El Testigo"		600.00	

GENERAL WORK FORM.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Estimates For Mexico Mission for 1897

El Paso Station.

General Work A.B.C.F.M.			
Education:-			
Training School, #1,515 gold, x 1.75 =		2,651.25	
Rents:-			
Chapel in C. Juarez,		120.00	
Miscellaneous:-			
Touring,	40.00		
Horse-Keep, in part.	50.00		
Publication - Postage	10.00		
Trav. Exp. to Ann. Meeting	35.00		
Incidentals	10.00		
		145.00	
Total A.B.C.F.M.			2,916.25
General A.B.C.F.M.			
Student Work in Vacation		337.50	

Totals

Grand Total Asked, 29,258.05

Rate of Exchange [illegible] in gold or Mex. dollar at 5 1/2 cents.

Date, July [illegible] 1896

James D. Walton
Chairman of Committee.

SUMMARY.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

SUMMARY FOR Mexico MISSION Estimates for 1897

STATIONS.	SALARIES.	GENERAL WORK. A. B. C. F. M.	GENERAL WORK. WOMEN'S BOARDS.	TOTAL.
	Gold	Mexican silver		silver
Chihuahua	2,376.20 silver = 4158.35	1,453.80	1,390.80	7,002.95
El Paso	1,253.50 = 2,193.62	2,916.25		5,109.87
Fuerte	1,624.10 = 2,842.17	408.00		3,250.17
Guadalajara	1,667.70 = 2,918.47	995.50	1,238.00	5,151.97
Guerrero	1,090.00 = 1,907.50	382.00	180.00	2,469.50
Hermosillo	545.00 = 953.75	480.00		1,433.75
Parral	1,144.50 = 2,002.87	1,070.00	277.50	3,350.37
General:-				
Treas's Office		280.00		280.00
Student Work in Vacation		337.50		337.50
Moving Helpers		200.00		200.00
"El Testigo"		600.00		600.00
Trav. Exp. Delegates to Gen. Assembly of Missions, in part		100.00		100.00
Totals	16,976.73	9,203.05	3,068.30	
		2 1	86.	
			Grand Total Asked,	29,286.08

Rate of Exchange, 75% premium on gold; or Mex^n dollar at 57 1/7 cents.

Date, July 6, 1896

Signed, James D. Eaton
Chairman of Committee.

A. B. C. F. M.

N. B. See explanatory notes on the reverse of this sheet.

Mexico Mission. ANNUAL TABULAR VIEW for the Year ending March 31st 1897. (State when the year ends.)

[To be sent to the Mission Rooms, Boston, as soon as practicable after the close of the year.]

NAMES OF STATIONS AND OUT-STATIONS. (In Alphabetical Order.)	When begun.	Missionaries and Assistants. American. Ordained.	Medical Men not ordained.	Other Men.	Wives.	Other Women.	Total.	Native. Ordained.	Other Preachers.	Teachers.	Other Helpers.	Total.	Total American and Native.	Preaching. Places for Stated Preaching.	Average Congregations.	Sabbath-School Membership.	Adherents.	Population within limits of Station (including Out-Stations).
Chihuahua	1882	1	0	0	1	2	4	0	0	2	1	3	7	1	103	160	250	20,000
Batopilas	1895					1	1	0	1	0	0	1	2	2	70	60	75	3,000
Jiménez	1892							0	1	0	0	1	1	1	20	25	50	6,000
S. Buenaventura	1889													1	15	20	40	2,500
Sta. Rosalía	1896													1	10	?	15	7,000
Villa López	1888													1	15	?	30	1,500
Paso	1892	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	60	85	150	5,000
C. Juárez	1885							0	1	0	0	1	1	1	12	15	50	10,000
[illegible]	1891	1	–	–	1	–	2	–	–	–	–	–	2	1+1 (other points visited regularly)	33	27		32,000
Guadalajara	1882	1	–	–	1	2	4	–	–	1	–	1	5	1	80	126	100	1,000,000
Tetitlán	1891													1	20	–	15	500
S. Sebastián	1890								1	0	0	1	1	1	15	–	10	1,000
S. Miguel	1895								1	0	0	1	1	1	30	–	20	1,000
Tlajomulco	1884							1	–	–	–	1	1	1	37	72	50	10,000
Durango	1895	1	–	–	1	–	2	–	–	–	1	1	3	1	50	45	150	16,000
Jesús María	1887													1	12	15	25	8,000
San Isidro	1886													1	15	25	20	1,000
Cuencamé	1886								1			1	1	1	20	25	30	10,000
Sta. Colorada	1890													1	50	35	100	5,000
Corral	1884	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	1	0	2	4	1	70	90	125	12,000
Corral de Piedras	1893													1	35	15	60	
Dolores	1895								1	0	0	1	1	1	25	30	50	
El Potrero	1888													1	10	10	20	
Las Cenizas	1889													1	30	40	80	
Piedra Colorada	1894													1	20	20	40	
San Ignacio	1896								1	–	–	1	1	1	15	20	40	
Zaragoza	1888								1	–	–	1	1	1	20	35	50	
In the summary of each mission give here the number of Out-Stations 20																		
GRAND TOTAL Stations 7		6	0	0	5	6	17	1	10	4	2	15 17	34	29 or 48 (see report for details)	892	995	1645	1,149,000

NAMES OF STATIONS AND OUT-STATIONS.	Churches. No. of Churches.	Members.	Of whom are Women.	Received on Confession.	Whole Number from the First.	Education. Theological Schools.	Students.	College, Boarding, and High Schools. For Boys.	Pupils.	For Girls.	Pupils.	Common Schools. Number.	Male Pupils.	Female Pupils.	Others under Instruction.	Grand Total under Instruction.
Chihuahua	1	134	84	29	242	0	0	0	0	1	25	1	11	45	0	81
Batopilas	1	23	10	15	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	20	56	0	76
Jiménez	1	31	17	5	31											
S. Buenaventura	1	30	17	0	30											
Sta. Rosalía	–	–	–	–	–											
Villa López	Belong to Jiménez Church.															
Paso	1	71	36	10	84	1	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
C. Juárez	1	29	18	0	52											
[illegible]	1	20	13	1	23											
Guadalajara	1	98	42	10	137	–	–	–	–	1	21	1	26	38	–	85
Tetitlán																
S. Sebastián																
S. Miguel																
Tlajomulco	1	48	23	3	80	–	–	———				–	–	–	2	2
Durango	1	18	9	–	18											
Jesús María	1	10	4		35											
San Isidro																
Cuencamé	1	14	7		40											
Sta. Colorada				3												
Corral										1	5	1	30	30	–	65
Corral de Piedras												1	4	6		10
Dolores																
El Potrero																
Las Cenizas	1	73	40	1	81											
Piedra Colorada																
San Ignacio																
Zaragoza	1	38	20	2	47							1	6	4	–	10
GRAND TOTAL	15	784	448	108	1087	1	9	0	0	3	51	6	97	179	2	338

NAMES OF STATIONS AND OUT-STATIONS.	Payments by the People. For Preaching.	For Building and Repairs (Church and School).	For Schools (Salaries and Tuition).	For Missions (Home and Foreign).	Miscellaneous.	Total for all Purposes.	Remarks.
Chihuahua	240.80	22.25	173.99	103.20	138.83	679.07	Received from other stations: Publication Society 508.09; Rent 466.00; Rent 221.20; Rent 1.44
Batopilas	162.18	0	0	0	10.75	173.38	
Jiménez	17.50				10.60	28.10	
S. Buenaventura	?	66.56			?	66.56	
Sta. Rosalía	–	–	–	–	–	–	
Villa López						?	
Paso		27.30		13.00	80.00	120.30	Sent to other stations: Paso 132.50; C. Juárez 27.50; [illegible] 68.05; Durango 349; Chihuahua 89; Parral 290
C. Juárez					11.–	11.–	
[illegible]				7.00	21.76	28.76	
Guadalajara	–	–	298.75	—	180.77	479.52	
Tetitlán							
S. Sebastián							
S. Miguel							
Tlajomulco		22.62			46.46	69.08	
Durango	77.50					77.50	
Jesús María	10.50					10.50	
San Isidro			10.00			10.00	
Cuencamé	70.16					70.16	
Sta. Colorada	112.20					112.20	
Corral	273.58	158.81	25.–		38.24	2,497.63	One helper worked only seven months, and two others were students, or on the field only four months.
Corral de Piedras	~~40.00~~	—	—	—	—	~~40.~~	
Dolores	40.–					40.–	
El Potrero							
Las Cenizas	15.00	25.00				40.00	
Piedra Colorada	25.00					25.00	
San Ignacio							
Zaragoza	14.12	120.–				134.12	—
GRAND TOTAL	812.94	442.54	507.77	123.20	538.41	2,424.86	

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SALARY FORM.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

SALARIES Mexico MISSION Estimates for 1898

STATIONS AND NAMES OF MISSIONARIES.		PERSONAL SALARY.	CHILDREN IN COUNTRY.	CHILDREN IN UNITED STATES.	TOTAL SALARY.
Chihuahua:-					
Mr. Eaton		563.00	1 - 50.00	1 - 150.00	763.00
Mrs. "	B	545.00			545.00
Miss Burris (Batopilas)	C	545.00			545.00
Miss Dunning	B	545.00			545.00
Miss Hammond	B	545.00			545.00
El Paso:-					
Mr. Wright		1,108.00	3 - 200.00	—	1,308.00
Fuerte:-					
Mr. Bissell		1,139.50	3 - 250.00	2 - 300.00	1,689.50
Guadalajara:-					
Mr. Cowland		563.00	3 - 200.00	—	763.00
Mrs. "	B	545.00			545.00
Miss Haskins	C	545.00			545.00
Miss Long	B	545.00			545.00
Guerrero:-					
Mr. Wagner		1,090.00	—	—	1,090.00
Parral:-					
Mr. Olds		549.50	—	1 - 50.00	599.50
Miss Prescott	C	545.00			545.00
Miscellaneous:-					
Mrs Olds		550.50			
Miss Miller		545.00			

Total salaries for Mexico Mission 10,573.00

The same in dollars U.S. gold

GENERAL WORK FORM.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Estimates For Mexico Mission for 1898

Chihuahua Station.

General Work A.B.C.F.M.			
Native Agency:-			
One Man in Batopilas		720.00	
" " " Jimenez		420.00	1,140.00
Buildings:-			
Taxes: 1/3 Mission Compound		23.83	
Personal		19.50	
Rents:			
House in Batopilas		144.00	
House + chapel, Jimenez,		120.00	307.33
Miscellaneous:-			
Touring		150.00	
Horse-Keep, in part		50.00	
Publication + Postage		25.00	
Trav. Exp. to Annual Meeting		18.00	
Incidentals 1/2		17.50	260.50
Total A.B.C.F.M.			1,707.83
General Work, Women's Boards			
Education:-			
Two Ass't Teachers	B	520.00	
Boarding School	B	950.00	1,470.00
Buildings:-			
Repairs 1/2 Mission Compound	B	25.00	
Taxes 2/3 " "	B	47.67	72.67
Miscellaneous:-			
Incidentals 1/2	B		17.50
Total Women's Boards			1,560.17
General A.B.C.F.M.-			
Treasurer's Office:-			
Remittances, stationery &c.		100.00	
Assistant, in part,		180.00	280.00

GENERAL WORK FORM.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Estimates For Mexico Mission for 1898

El Paso Station.

General Work A.B.C.F.M.			
Education:-			
Training School $1,515.00 gold × 1.80 =		2,727.00	
Rents:-			
Chapel in C. Juarez.	~~120.00~~	120.00	
Miscellaneous:-			
Touring	40.00		
Horse-Keep. in park	50.00		
Publication & Postage	10.00		
Trav. Exp. to Annual Meeting	35.00		
Incidentals	10.00	145.00	
Total A.B.C.F.M.			2,992.00
General A.B.C.F.M.			
Student Work in Vacation		337.50	

GENERAL WORK FORM.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Estimates For Mexico Mission for 1898

Fuerte Station.

General Work A.B.C.F.M.			
Buildings:-			
Rent:-			
Chapel in Fuerte		48.00	
Miscellaneous:-			
Touring	125.00		
Horse-Keep, in part	50.00		
Publication & Postage	25.00		
Trav. Exp. to Annual Meeting	150.00		
Incidentals	10.00	360.00	
Total A.B.C.F.M.			408.00

General Work Woman's Board

Education:-

One Asst Teacher

Boarding School

Buildings:-

Rent of School Building

Repairs "

Miscellaneous:-

Incidentals

Total

General A.B.C.F.M.

El Fuerte

GENERAL WORK FORM.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Estimates For Mexico Mission for 1898

Guadalajara Station.

General Work A.B.C.F.M.			
Native Agency:-			
One Man, in Tlacomulco		420.00	
One Man San Miguel		300.00	
One Man, ?		120.00	840.00
Buildings:-			
Taxes:-			
Real Estate & Personal.			60.00
Miscellaneous:-			
Touring		75.00	
Publication & Postage		25.00	
Trav. Exp. to Annual Meeting		65.00	
Incidentals, 1/2		5.00	170.00
Total A.B.C.F.M.			1,070.00
General Work Women's Boards.			
Education:-			
One Ass't Teacher	C(?)	216.00	
Boarding School	C(?)	650.00	866.00
Buildings:-			
Rent of School Building	C(?)	360.00	
Repairs, " "	C(?)	7.50	367.50
Miscellaneous:-			
Incidentals, 1/2	C(?)		5.00
Total Women's Boards			1,238.50
General A.B.C.F.M. "El Testigo"			600.00

GENERAL WORK FORM.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Estimates For Mexico Mission for 1898

Guerrero Station.

General Work, A.B.C.F.M.			
Buildings:-			
Taxes			
House in Cusihuiriáchic,	39.00		
Personal	26.00	65.00	
Rents,			
Chapel in Guerrero,		144.00	
Miscellaneous:-			
Touring	100.00		
Horse-Keep, in part	50.00		
Trav. Exp. to Annual Meeting	18.00	168.00	
Total A.B.C.F.M.			377.00
General Work Women's Boards,			
Native Agency:-			
One Bible Woman	B	180.00	
Total, Women's Boards			180.00

GENERAL WORK FORM.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Estimates For Mexico Mission for 1898

Hermosillo Station.

General Work A.B.C.F.M.			
Native Agency:-			
One Man		420.00	
Miscellaneous:-			
Touring		50.00	
Total A.B.C.F.M.			470.00
Personal	15.00	37.20	
Miscellaneous			
Touring	100.00		
Horse-keep in part	50.00		
Publication & Postage	25.00		
Incidentals, 1/2	12.50	187.50	
Total A.B.C.F.M.			1,064.70
General Work Women's Boards			
Education:-			
One Ass't Teacher	C	180.00	
Buildings:-			
Repairs 1/2	C 25.00		
Rent School Building	C 150.00	175.00	
Miscellaneous:-			
Incidentals 1/2	C	12.50	
Total Women's Boards			367.50

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GENERAL WORK FORM.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Estimates For Mexico Mission for 1898

Parral Station.

General Work A.B.C.F.M.			
Native Agency:-			
Two Men 480 + 360 =		840.00	
Buildings:-			
Taxes,			
Residence	22.20		
Personal	15.00	37.20	
Miscellaneous:-			
Touring	100.00		
Horse-Keep, in part	50.00		
Publication & Postage	25.00		
Incidentals 1/2	12.50	187.50	
Total A.B.C.F.M.			1,064.70
General Work, Women's Boards.			
Education:-			
One Ass't Teacher	C	180.00	
Buildings:-			
Repairs 1/2	C 25.00		
Rent School Building	C 150.00	175.00	
Miscellaneous:-			
Incidentals 1/2	C	12.50	
Total Women's Boards,			367.50

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GENERAL WORK FORM.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Estimates For Mexico Mission for 1898

Station.

General A. B. C. F. M.	
Delegate to Nat'l S. S. Convention.	
Traveling Expenses.	75.00

Contingents :-

General Women's Boards.		
Delegates to represent Woman's Work		
Trav. Exp. to Ann'l Meeting in Parral :-		
One from Chihuahua B	18.00	
" " Batopilas C	75.00	
" " Guadalajara B or C	65.00	158.00
General :-		
Treasurer's Office		280.00
"El Testigo"		600.00
Student Work in Vacation		137.00
Trav. Exp. Delegate to S. S. Convention		75.00

Totals

Date May 17, 1897

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SUMMARY.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

SUMMARY FOR Mexico MISSION Estimates for 1898

Stations.	Salaries.	General Work. A. B. C. F. M.	General Work. Women's Boards.	Total.
	U.S. Gold	Mex. Silver	Mex. Silver	Silver
Chihuahua	2,943.00	1,707.83	1,560.17	3,268.00
El Paso	1,308.00	2,992.00		2,992.00
Fuerte	1,689.50	408.00		408.00
Guadalajara	2,398.00	1,070.00	1,238.50	2,308.50
Guerrero	1,090.00	377.00	180.00	557.00
Hermosillo		470.00		470.00
Parral	1,144.50	1,064.70	367.50	1,432.20
General:-				
Treasurer's Office		280.00		280.00
"El Testigo"		600.00		600.00
Student Work in Vacation		337.50		337.50
Trav. Exp. Delegate to S.S. Convention		75.00		75.00
Totals	10,573.00	9,382.03	3,346.17	12,728.20
			Grand Total Asked,	U.S. Gold 17,644.22

Rate of Exchange, (very low estimate) 80 % premium on gold. or Mexican dollar at 55 5/10 cents

Date, May 17, 1897

Signed, James D. Eaton
A. C. Wright } Com.

Chihuahua — Hermosillo — 133 Mar. 31, '98

TABLE OF STATISTICS for the Year ending March 31, 1898

Mexico Mission.

Name of Station, Town or Village.	When Established.	Population of Field.	MISSIONARIES. Ordained.	Unordained (not Physicians).	Physicians (Men).	Physicians (Women).	Single Women.	Wives.	Total Missionaries.	NATIVE HELPERS. Ordained Preachers.	Unordained Preachers.	Teachers (Men).	Teachers (Women).	Bible Women.	Other Native Helpers.	Total Native Helpers.	CHURCH STATISTICS. Out-Stations, Places of Regular Meeting.	Organized Churches.	Churches Entirely Self-Supporting.	Communicants.	Added by Confession, 1897.	Adherents.	Average Attendance.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Membership.
Totals,																									
Chihuahua	1882	20,000	1	0	0	0	2	1	4	0	0	0	3	0	1	4	2	1	0	144	14	225	125	1	175
Santa Rosalia	'96	5,000															1					10	12		
Jimenez	'92	6,000									1					1	2	1		35		40	36	1	20
Palomas	'97	200															1					15	15		
Villa Lopez	'88	1,500															1					25	20	1	20
Batopilas	'95	3,000					1		1		1		1			2	2	1		29	6	55	68	1	48
S. Buenaventura	'89	2,500															1	1		32		40	15	1	20
Hermosillo	'86	8,000									1					1	1	1		16	4	50	25	1	18
La Colorada		8,000															1	1		8	1	25	22	1	25
Torres		500																				10	12		

Name of Station, Town or Village.	EDUCATIONAL STATISTICS. Theological Schools.	Students for the Ministry.	Students in Collegiate Training.	Boarding and High Schools.	PUPILS. Boys.	PUPILS. Girls.	Other Schools.	PUPILS. Boys.	PUPILS. Girls.	Total Number under Instruction.	Schools Entirely Self-Supporting.	United with Church during Year.	CHURCHES AND CHAPELS.	NATIVE CONTRIBUTIONS. For Church and Congregational Expenses.	For Education.	For Building and Repairs.	For Home and Foreign Missions.	Total Native Contributions.	APPROPRIATED BY BOARD FOR CHURCHES AND EDUCATION (NATIVE WORK).
Totals,																			
Chihuahua				1		55				55		3	1	$432.43	139.68	17.06	30.62	619.79	$1,530.00
Santa Rosalia																			
Jimenez																			
Palomas														51.43				51.43	420.00
Villa Lopez																			
Batopilas																			
S. Buenaventura							1	7	13	20		1		246.11	393.05	10.00	1.36	650.52	900.00
Hermosillo																250-		250-	
La Colorada													1	134.48				134.48	390.00
Torres													1	77.35				77.35	

Notes (1) Received for Board, Clothing &c. of pupils in Chihuahua School $620.97

(2) Sales of Religious Literature (not including $43.00 in Sonora 288.44

(3) Circulation of Scriptures (not including Sonora) 186 Bibles, 85 Testaments, 77 Gospels, Cash Receipts 134.90

Name of Missionary, James D. Eaton

TABLE OF STATISTICS for the Year ending March 31st 1898 — Mexico Mission.

Name of Station, Town or Village.	When Established.	Population of Field.	MISSIONARIES. Ordained.	Unordained (not Physicians).	Physicians (Men).	Physicians (Women).	Single Women.	Wives.	Total Missionaries.	NATIVE HELPERS. Ordained Preachers.	Unordained Preachers.	Teachers (Men).	Teachers (Women).	Bible Women.	Other Native Helpers.	Total Native Helpers.	CHURCH STATISTICS. Out-Stations Places of Regular Meeting.	Organized Churches.	Churches Entirely Self-Supporting.	Communicants.	Added by Confession, 189 .	Adherents.	Average Attendance.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Membership.	EDUCATIONAL STATISTICS. Theological Schools.	Students for the Ministry.	Students in Collegiate Training.	Boarding and High Schools.	PUPILS. Boys.	PUPILS. Girls.	Other Schools.	PUPILS. Boys.	PUPILS. Girls.	Total Number under Instruction.	Schools Entirely Self-Supporting.	United with Church during Year.	CHURCHES AND CHAPELS.	NATIVE CONTRIBUTIONS. For Church and Congregational Expenses.	For Education.	For Building and Repairs.	For Home and Foreign Missions.	Total Native Contributions.	APPROPRIATED BY BOARD FOR CHURCHES AND EDUCATION (NATIVE WORK).
Totals,		15,000	1	–	–	–	–	1	2	–	1	1	–	–	–	2	2	2	–	110	11	250	95	2	120	1	6	6	–	–	–	–	–	–	12	–	2	1	116	427	200	47	790	1,343 Gold - 602 Silver
El Paso	'92	5,000	1	–	–	–	–	1	2	–	1	1	–	–	–	1	1	1	–	79	9	200	80	1	100	1	6	6	–	–	–	–	–	–	12	–	2	1	73	427	–	47	547	1,513 - Gold 482 Mex. Sil.
Ciudad Juarez	'88	10,000	–	–	–	–	–	–	0	–	1	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	–	31	2	50	15	1	20	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	43	–	200	–	243	120 Silver.

Name of Missionary, A. C. Wright

TABLE OF STATISTICS for the Year ending March 31st 1898. A.B.C.F.M., "Mexico" Mission.

Name of Station, Town or Village.	When Established.	Population of Field.	MISSIONARIES. Ordained.	Unordained (not Physicians).	Physicians (Men).	Physicians (Women).	Single Women.	Wives.	Total Missionaries.	NATIVE HELPERS. Ordained Preachers.	Unordained Preachers.	Teachers (Men).	Teachers (Women).	Bible Women.	Other Native Helpers.	Total Native Helpers.	CHURCH STATISTICS. Out-Stations, Places of Regular Meeting.	Organized Churches.	Churches Entirely Self-Supporting.	Communicants.	Added by Confession, '89.	Adherents.	Average Attendance.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Membership.
Totals,			1	0	0	0	2	1	4	1	1	0	1	0	1	4	4	2	0	162	18	140	132	2	149
Guadalajara	1882	1,000,000	1	0	0	0	2	1	4	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	3	1	0	116	16	100	86	1	98
Tlajomulco	1884	10,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	1	0	52	2	40	46	1	51

(At central station not including other preaching places.)

Name of Station, Town or Village.	EDUCATIONAL STATISTICS. Theological Schools.	Students for the Ministry.	Students in Collegiate Training.	Boarding and High Schools.	PUPILS. Boys.	PUPILS. Girls.	Other Schools.	PUPILS. Boys.	PUPILS. Girls.	Total Number under Instruction.	Schools Entirely Self-Supporting.	United with Church during Year.	CHURCHES AND CHAPELS.	NATIVE CONTRIBUTIONS. For Church and Congregational Expenses.	For Education.	For Building and Repairs.	For Home and Foreign Missions.	Total Native Contributions.	APPROPRIATED BY MISSIONARY FOR CHURCHES AND EDUCATION (NATIVE WORK).
Totals,	0	0	0	1	30	70	0	0	0	100	0	5	2	218.04	206.59	6.00	18.32	448.85	7386.66
Guadalajara	0	0	0	1	30	70	0	0	0	100	0	5	1	198.18	202.89	6.00	18.32	425.39	7046.66
Tlajomulco	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	(19.86	3.70	0	0	23.46	340.00)

all in Mexican silver.

Name of Missionary, John H. Cleveland.

TABLE OF STATISTICS for the Year ending March 1898 Mexican (A.B.C.F.M.) Mission.

Name of Station, Town or Village.	When Established.	Population of Field.	MISSIONARIES. Ordained.	Unordained (not Physicians).	Physicians (Men).	Physicians (Women).	Single Women.	Wives.	Total Missionaries.	NATIVE HELPERS. Ordained Preachers.	Unordained Preachers.	Teachers (Men).	Teachers (Women).	Bible Women.	Other Native Helpers.	Total Native Helpers.	CHURCH STATISTICS. Out-Stations. Places of Regular Meeting.	Organized Churches.	Churches Entirely Self-Supporting.	Communicants.	Added by Confession. 1897	Adherents.	Average Attendance.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Membership.	EDUCATIONAL STATISTICS. Theological Schools.	Students for the Ministry.	Students in Collegiate Training.	Boarding and High Schools.	PUPILS. Boys.	PUPILS. Girls.	Other Schools.	PUPILS. Boys.	PUPILS. Girls.	Total Number under Instruction.	Schools Entirely Self-Supporting.	United with Church during Year.	CHURCHES AND CHAPELS.	NATIVE CONTRIBUTIONS. For Church and Congregational Expenses.	For Education.	For Building and Repairs.	For Home and Foreign Missions.	Total Native Contributions.	APPROPRIATED BY BOARD. FOR CHURCHES AND EDUCATION (NATIVE WORK).
Totals,																																												
J. Guerrero	1895	15 000	1					1	2					1		1	3	1		42	12	145	70	2	85													$101.00		$4.00			$180.00
San Isidro	1886	800															2	1		16		60	30	1	20															$8.00			
Tusihuiachic	1887	8 000															2	1		21		50	15	1	25													$6.00		4.00			
Santo Tomas	1897	1 000															0					7	15	1	6																			
Namiquipa	1893	5 000															4					30	20	1	20													$10.00						
Cerro Prieto	1897	4 000															1					20	25																					

Name of Missionary, Horace T. Wagner.

Summary of Totals from Station Reports.

TABLE OF STATISTICS for the Year ending March 31 1898 Mexico Mission.

Name of Station, Town or Village.	When Established.	Population of Field.	MISSIONARIES. Ordained.	Unordained (not Physicians).	Physicians (Men).	Physicians (Women).	Single Women.	Wives.	Total Missionaries.	NATIVE HELPERS. Ordained Preachers.	Unordained Preachers.	Teachers (Men).	Teachers (Women).	Bible Women.	Other Native Helpers.	Native Helpers.
Totals,		266,300	6	–	–	–	7	6	19	1	8	2	8	1	2	22
ilpalmer - (9)	~~1881~~	54,700	1	–	–	–	3	1	5	–	3	–	4	–	1	8
l Paso - (1)		15,000	1	–	–	–	1	1	2	–	1	1	–	–	–	2
uerta –		34,000	1	–	–	–	1	1	3	–	–	–	1	–	–	1
uadalajara (1)		110,000	1	–	–	–	2	1	4	1	1	–	1	–	1	4
uerrero - (5)		83,800	1	–	–	–	–	1	2	–	–	–	–	1	–	1
erral (7)		18,800	1	–	–	–	1	1	3	–	3	1	2	–	–	6

Name of Station, Town or Village.	CHURCH STATISTICS. Total Outstations, Places of Regular Meeting.	Organized Churches.	Churches Entirely Self-Supporting.	Communicants.	Added by Confession, '98.	Adherents.	Average Attendance.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Membership.	EDUCATIONAL STATISTICS. Theological Schools.	Students for the Ministry.	Students in Collegiate Training.	Boarding and High Schools.	PUPILS. Boys.	PUPILS. Girls.	Other Schools.	PUPILS. Boys.	PUPILS. Girls.	Total Number under Instruction.	Schools Entirely Self-Supporting.	United with Church during Year.	CHURCHES AND CHAPELS.
Totals,	62	17	–	896	80	1787	1333	27	1149	1	8	6	3	30	130	6	87	96	345	3	13	8
ilpalmer - (9)	13	6	–	264	25	495	350	7	326	–	–	–	1	–	55	1	7	13	75	–	4	3
l Paso - (1)	2	2	–	110	11	250	95	2	120	1	6	6	–	–	–	–	–	–	12	–	2	1
uerta –	22	1	–	21	–	100	36	1	24	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	22	27	59	–	–	–
uadalajara (1)	4	2	–	162	18	180	132	2	149	–	–	–	1	30	70	–	–	–	100	–	5	2
uerrero - (5)	12	3	–	79	12	312	175	6	210	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
erral (7)	9	3	–	260	14	490	245	9	320	–	2	–	1	–	5	4	48	56	99	3	2	2

Name of Station, Town or Village.	NATIVE CONTRIBUTIONS. For Church and Congregational Expenses.	For Education.	For Building and Repairs.	For Home and Foreign Missions.	Total Native Contributions.	APPROPRIATED BY BOARD. FOR CHURCHES AND EDUCATION (NATIVE WORK).
Totals,	159	1425	560	144	3720	11,979 Mex. Silver. 1,5[illegible] Gold
ilpalmer - (9)	942	533	277	32	1,784	3,240
l Paso - (1)	116	427	200	47	790	1,5[illegible] Gold 602 Mex.
uerta –	10	110	–	10	130	–
uadalajara (1)	218	207	6	18	449	7,387
uerrero - (5)	117	–	16	–	133	180
erral (7)	188	148	61	37	434	570

Notes:- The figures in brackets indicate the number of outstations reported from each station, but there is lack of unanimity in that some count as such only places where a church is organized, others naming places where no helper even is located.

All monies are in Mexican silver except the appropriation for the Training School in El Paso, which is in Gold. But there is lack of an understanding in this also, as one includes even the salaries of the missionaries, while another does not count in the rent given for a chapel.

Name of Missionary, A. P. Wright Cor. Sec.
El Paso, Texas.

SALARY FORM.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

SALARIES Mexico MISSION Estimates for 1899

Stations and Names of Missionaries.	Personal Salary.	Children in Country.	Children in United States.	Total Salary.
				Gold
Chihuahua:-				
Mr. Eaton	$ 548.00	1 - $100.00		$ 648.00
Mrs. Eaton B	540.00			540.00
Miss Burris C	540.00			540.00
(in Batopilas)				
Mrs Dunning B	540.00			540.00
Miss Hammond B	540.00			540.00
El Paso:-				
Mr. Wright & fy	1,104.00	4 - 300.00		1,404.00
Fuerte				
Mr. Bissell & fy	1,114.40	3 - 300.00	1 - 130.00	1,544.40
Miss Miller B	540.00			540.00
Guadalajara:-				
Mr. Howland	568.00	3 - 350.00		918.00
Mrs. Howland B	540.00			540.00
Miss Haskins C	540.00			540.00
Miss Lorig B	540.00			540.00
Guerrero:-				
Hermosillo:-				
Mr. Wagner & fy	1,080.00			1,080.00
Parral:-				
Mr. Olds & fy	1,084.00		1 - 50.00	1,134.00
Miss Prescott C	540.00			540.00

Total salaries for Mexico Mission Estimates . . . . . $ 11,588.40

The same in dollars.

GENERAL WORK FORM.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Estimates For Mexico Mission for 1899

Chihuahua Station.

		Mexican Silver	
General Work A.B.C.F.M.			
Native Agency:-			
One Helper in Batopilas	$720.00		
" " Jimenez	420.00	1,140.00	
Buildings:-			
Taxes: 1/3 Mission Compound	23.83		
Tax on Minister	19.50		
Rents: Chapel & Ho. in Batopilas	180.00		
" " in Jimenez	120.00	343.33	
Miscellaneous:-			
Touring	150.00		
Horse-Keep, in part	50.00		
Publication & Postage	25.00		
Trav. Exp. Annual Meeting	16.00		
Incidentals 1/2	17.50	258.50	
Total A.B.C.F.M.			1,741.83
General Work Women's Boards.			
Education:-			
Two Ass't Teachers Chih^{a}	520.00		
Boarding School	950.00	1,470.00	
Buildings:-			
Repairs 1/2 Mission Compound	25.00		
Taxes 2/3 " "	47.67	72.67	
Miscellaneous:-			
Incidentals 1/2	17.50		
Trav. Exp. Annual Meeting	16.00		
do do do do (Batopilas)	75.00	108.50	
Total Women's Boards			1,651.17
General A.B.C.F.M.:-			
Treasurer's Office:-			
Remittances, Postage & Stationery	100.00		
Assistant, in part,	180.00		
			280.00

GENERAL WORK FORM.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Estimates For Mexico Mission for 1899

El Paso Station.

		Mexican Silver	
General Work A.B.C.F.M.			
Education:-			
Training School 1515 gold, at 2.00 =		3,030.00	
Rents:-			
Chapel & Ho. in C. Juarez,		120.00	
Miscellaneous:-			
Touring	40.00		
Horse-Keep, in part	50.00		
Publication & Postage	10.00		
Incidentals	10.00	110.00	
Total A.B.C.F.M.			3,260.00
General A.B.C.F.M.			
Student Work in Vacation		337.50	337.50
Moving Native Helpers		200.00	200.00

GENERAL WORK FORM.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Estimates For Mexico Mission for 1899

Hermosillo Station.

		Mex. silver	
General Work A.B.C.F.M.			
Native Agency:—			
One Helper		48.00	
Miscellaneous:—			
Touring	125.00		
Trav. Exp. Annual Meeting	60.00	185.00	
Total A.B.C.F.M.			665.00

GENERAL WORK FORM.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Estimates For Mexico Mission for 1899

Parral Station.

		Mex.	Silver
General Work A.B.C.F.M.			
Native Agency:-			
One Helper		480.00	
Buildings:-			
Taxes; Real Estate & Personal		33.00	
Miscellaneous:-			
Touring	100.00		
Horse-Keep, in part	50.00		
Publication & Postage	25.00		
Trav. Exp. Annual Meeting	34.00		
Incidentals 1/2	12.50	221.50	
Total A.B.C.F.M.			734.50
General Work Women's Boards.			
Education:-			
One Asst Teacher		180.00	
Buildings:-			
Rent School Building		300.00	
Miscellaneous:-			
Trav. Exp. Annual Meeting	34.00		
Incidentals 1/2	12.50	46.50	
Total Women's Boards			526.50

GENERAL WORK FORM.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Estimates For Mexico Mission for 1899

Guerrero Station.

		Mex. Silver	
General Work A. B. C. F. M.			
Native Agency:-			
One Helper in Guerrero		600.00	
Buildings:-			
Taxes. Ho. in Cusi.	39.00		
Rents: Chapel & Ho. in Guerrero	288.00	327.00	
Miscellaneous:-			
Touring	75.00		
Horse-Keep, in part	50.00	125.00	
Total A. B. C. F. M.			1,052.00

General Work Women's Boards.			
Native Agency.			
One Bible Woman		180.00	
Total Women's Boards			180.00
Travelling expenses from out of Town	110.00	150.00	
Miscellaneous:-			
Trans. exps. Annual Meeting		125.00	
Total Women's Boards			275.00

GENERAL WORK FORM.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Estimates For Mexico Mission for 1899

Fuerte Station.

General Work A.B.C.F.M.		Mexican silver	
Buildings:-			
Rent:			
Chapel in Fuerte		60.00	
Miscellaneous:-			
Towing	125.00		
Horse-Keep, in part	50.00		
Publication & Postage	25.00		
Trav. Exp. Annual Meeting	125.00		
Incidentals	10.00	335.00	
Total A.B.C.F.M.			395.00
General Women's Boards.			
Education:-			
School apparatus	40.00		
Provision for receiving boarding pupils from out of town	110.00	150.00	
Miscellaneous:-			
Trav. Exp. Annual Meeting		125.00	
Total Women's Boards			275.00

GENERAL WORK FORM.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Estimates For Mexico Mission for 1899

Guadalajara Station.

		Mex.	Silver
General Work A.B.C.F.M.			
Native Agency:-			
One Helper in Tlacomulco	420.00		
" " " S. Miguel	300.00		
"Lino" Paco	120.00	840.00	
Buildings:-			
Taxes: Real Estate & Personal		60.00	
Miscellaneous:			
Touring	75.00		
Publication & Postage	25.00		
Trav. Exp. Annual Meeting	80.00		
Incidentals	7.50	187.50	
Total A.B.C.F.M.			1,087.50
General Work Women's Boards.			
Education:-			
One Ass't Teacher	216.00		
Boarding School	650.00	866.00	
Buildings:-			
Rent of School Building, part,	360.00		
Repairs 1/2	7.50	367.50	
Miscellaneous:-			
Trav. Exp. Annual Meeting	80.00		
Incidentals 1/2	7.50	87.50	
Total Women's Boards			1,321.00
General A.B.C.F.M.			
"El Testigo"		600.00	
			600.00

SUMMARY.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

SUMMARY FOR Mexico MISSION Estimates for 1899

Stations.	Salaries.	General Work. A. B. C. F. M.	General Work. Women's Boards.	Total.
	Gold	Mexican	Silver	Silver
Chihuahua	$2,808.00	1,741.83	1,651.17	$3,393.00
El Paso	1,404.00	3,260.00	—	3,260.00
Fuerte	2,084.40	395.00	275.00	670.00
Guadalajara	2,538.00	1,087.50	1,321.00	2,408.50
Guerrero	—	1,052.00	180.00	1,232.00
Hermosillo	1,080.00	665.00	—	665.00
Parral	1,674.00	734.50	526.50	1,261.00
General:				
Treasurer's Office		280.00		280.00
Student Working vacation		337.50		337.50
Moving Native Helpers,		200.00		200.00
"El Testigo"		600.00		600.00
Totals	$11,588.40	10,353.33	3,953.67	$14,307.00
			Grand Total Asked,	U.S. Gold 18,741.90

Rate of Exchange, 100 % premium on gold; or Mexican dollar at 50 cents

Date, April 22, 1898

Signed,

James D. Eaton } Com^e

TABLE OF STATISTICS for the ~~Year~~ 9 months ending December 31 1898

Mexico Mission.

Name of Station, Town or Village.	When Established.	Population of Field.	MISSIONARIES. Ordained.	Unordained (not Physicians).	Physicians (Men).	Physicians (Women).	Single Women.	Wives.	Total Missionaries.	NATIVE HELPERS. Ordained Preachers.	Unordained Preachers.	Teachers (Men).	Teachers (Women).	Bible Women.	Other Native Helpers.	Total Native Helpers.	CHURCH STATISTICS. Out-Stations, Places of Regular Meeting.	Organized Churches.	Churches Entirely Self-Supporting.	Communicants.	Added by Confession, '98.	Adherents.	Average Attendance.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Membership.
Totals,		61,000	1				3	1	5		3		4		1	8	16	5		278	17	697	407	10	287
Chihuahua	'82	20,000	1	0	0	0	2	1	4	0	0	0	3	0	1	4	2	1	–	148	9	225	130	1	175
Santa Eulalia	'98	1,500															1	–	–			20	10	1	12
Santa Rosalia	'96	5,000																				15	10		
Jiménez	'92	6,000									1					1	2	1	–	37	2	40	37	1	16
Palomas	'97	200															1					12	10		
Villa López	'88	1,500															1					40	15		
Batopilas	'95	3,000					1		1		1		1			2	2	1	–	35	6	120	65	1	44
C. Guerrero											1			1		2	2	0		0			50	2	40
San Isidro																	1	1					20	1	
Santa Ines																	1	–					20	1	
Matachic	'97																1	–					20	1	
Curihuiriachic																	1	1					20	1	

Name of Station, Town or Village.	EDUCATIONAL STATISTICS. Theological Schools.	Students for the Ministry.	Students in Collegiate Training.	Boarding and High Schools.	PUPILS. Boys.	PUPILS. Girls.	Other Schools.	PUPILS. Boys.	PUPILS. Girls.	Total Number under Instruction.	Schools Entirely Self-Supporting.	United with Church during Year.	CHURCHES AND CHAPELS.	NATIVE CONTRIBUTIONS. For Church and Congregational Expenses.	For Education.	For Building and Repairs.	For Home and Foreign Missions.	Total Native Contributions.	APPROPRIATED BY BOARD: FOR CHURCH AND EDUCATION (NATIVE WORK).
Totals,				1		25	2	7	45	72		3	1	964	223		56	1243	25.42 9 mos
Chihuahua				1	—	25	1	—	31	56	—	3	1	470.93	85.36		20.00	576.29	1,237.50
Santa Eulalia														5.50				5.50	
Santa Rosalia																			
Jiménez														55.17			2.75	57.92	315.00
Palomas																			
Villa López																			
Batopilas							1	7	14	21				326.15	138.00		34.95	499.10	540.00
C. Guerrero																			
San Isidro														105.79				105.79	450.00
Santa Ines																			
Matachic																			
Curihuiriachic																			

Notes (1) Received for Board, clothing etc of pupils in Chihuahua School $784.92

(2) Receipts from Sales of Religious Literature amounted to 266.93

(3) " " " " Scriptures (112 Bibles, 50 Testaments, 53 Portions) amounted to 83.47

Name of Missionary, James D. Eaton

TABLE OF STATISTICS for the ~~Year~~ 9 Months ending Dec 31 1898 — Mexico Mission.

Name of Station, Town or Village.	When Established.	Population of Field.	MISSIONARIES. Ordained.	Unordained (not Physicians).	Physicians (Men).	Physicians (Women).	Single Women.	Wives.	Total Missionaries.	NATIVE HELPERS. Ordained Preachers.	Unordained Preachers.	Teachers (Men).	Teachers (Women).	Bible Women.	Other Native Helpers.	CHURCH STATISTICS. Total.	Out-Stations, Place of Regular Meeting.	Organized Churches.	Churches Entirely Self-Supporting.	Communicants.	Added by Confession, 189 .	Adherents.	Average Attendance.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Membership.
Totals,		17 000	1					1	2		2	1				8	4	3		167	27	450	125	4	180
El Paso	(1921)	5000	1					1	2			1				1	1	1		83	8	200	80	1	100
G. Juarez	85	10 000									1					1	1	1		31		50	15	1	20
G. Buenaventura	89	2500									1					2	2	1		58	19	200	30	2	60

Name of Station, Town or Village.	EDUCATIONAL STATISTICS. Theological Schools.	Students for the Ministry.	Students in Collegiate Training.	Boarding and High Schools.	PUPILS. Boys.	PUPILS. Girls.	Other Schools.	PUPILS. Boys.	PUPILS. Girls.	Total Number under Instruction.	Schools Entirely Self-Supporting.	United with Church during Year.	CHURCHES AND CHAPELS.	NATIVE CONTRIBUTIONS. For Church and Congregational Expenses.	For Education.	For Building and Repairs.	For Home and Foreign Missions.	Total Native Contributions.	APPROPRIATED BY BOARD. FOR CHURCHES AND EDUCATION (NATIVE WORK).
Totals,	1	6	10							16		1	3	159	548	444	72	1183	11 34 Gold; 512 Mex. 5
El Paso	1	6	10							16		1	1	80	548	144	72	804	11 34 Gold; 300 Mex.
G. Juarez													1	25		300		325	80
G. Buenaventura													1	54				54	72

Name of Missionary, A. P. Wright.

TABLE OF STATISTICS for the Year ending Dec. 31st 1898. Mexico Mission.

Name of Station, Town or Village.	When Established.	Population of Field.	MISSIONARIES. Ordained.	Unordained (not Physicians).	Physicians (Men).	Physicians (Women).	Single Women.	Wives.	Total Missionaries.	NATIVE HELPERS. Ordained Preachers.	Unordained Preachers.	Teachers (Men).	Teachers (Women).	Bible Women.	Other Native Helpers.	Total Helpers.	CHURCH STATISTICS. Out-Stations. Place of Regular Meeting.	Organized Churches.	Churches Entirely Self-Supporting.	Communicants.	Added by Confession, '98.	Adherents.	Average Attendance.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Membership.
Puerto.	'91.	34,000	1	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	22	1	~~20~~	20	3	125	36	1	25
Totals,																									

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Name of Station, Town or Village.	EDUCATIONAL STATISTICS. Theological Schools.	Students for the Ministry.	Students in Collegiate Training.	Boarding and High Schools.	PUPILS. Boys.	PUPILS. Girls.	Other Schools.	PUPILS. Boys.	PUPILS. Girls.	Total Number under Instruction.	Schools Entirely Self-Supporting.	United with Church during Year.	CHURCHES AND CHAPELS.	NATIVE CONTRIBUTIONS. For Church and Congregational Expenses.	For Education.	For Building and Repairs.	For Home and Foreign Missions.	Total Native Contributions.	APPROPRIATED BY BOARD. FOR CHURCHES AND EDUCATION (NATIVE WORK).
Puerto.							1	0	34	34	0	1	0	10.71	83.18	0	12.80	$106 69/100	
Totals,																			

Name of Missionary, Henry C. Pissell.

Dec. 31, '98.

TABLE OF STATISTICS for the ~~Year~~ Nine Months ending December 31 1898

Mexico Mission.

Guadalajara

Name of Station, Town or Village.	When Established.	Population of Field.	MISSIONARIES. Ordained.	Unordained (not Physicians).	Physicians (Men).	Physicians (Women).	Single Women.	Wives.	Total Missionaries.	NATIVE HELPERS. Ordained Preachers.	Unordained Preachers.	Teachers (Men).	Teachers (Women)	Bible Women.	Other Native Helpers.	Total Native Helpers.	CHURCH STATISTICS. Out-Stations, Occasional Place of Meeting.	Organized Churches.	Churches Entirely Self-Supporting.	Communicants.	Added by Confession, 1898 9 mos.	Adherents.	Average Attendance.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Membership.
Totals,			1	6	0	0	2	1	4	1	1	0	1	6	1	4	4	2	0	161	5	140	110	2	159
Guadalajara	1882	1,000,000	1	0	0	0	2	1	4	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	3	1	0	111	2	100	72	1	110
Tlajomulco	1884	?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	1	0	50	3	40	38	1	49

Name of Station, Town or Village.	EDUCATIONAL STATISTICS. Theological Schools.	Students for the Ministry.	Students in Collegiate Training.	Boarding and High Schools.	PUPILS. Boys.	PUPILS. Girls.	Other Schools.	PUPILS. Boys.	PUPILS. Girls	Total Number under Instruction.	Schools Entirely Self-Supporting.	United with Church during Year.	CHURCHES AND CHAPELS.	NATIVE CONTRIBUTIONS. For Church and Congregational Expenses.	For Education.	For Building and Repairs.	For Home and Foreign Missions.	Total Native Contributions.	APPROPRIATED BY BOARD. FOR CHURCHES AND EDUCATION (NATIVE WORK).
Totals,	0	0	0	1	27	58	1	5	20	110	0	1	2	116.76	110.53	0	45.37	272.60	
Guadalajara	0	0	0	1	27	58	1	5	20	110	0	1	1	103.62	110.53	0	45.37	259.52	?
Tlajomulco	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	13.08	0	0	0	13.08	540.00 (?)

J. Howland

Name of Missionary,

TABLE OF STATISTICS for the 8 mos. of the Year ending Dec. 31 1898. Mexican Mission.

Name of Station, Town or Village.	When Established.	Population of Field.	Missionaries: Ordained.	Missionaries: Unordained (not Physicians).	Missionaries: Physicians (Men).	Missionaries: Physicians (Women).	Missionaries: Single Women.	Missionaries: Wives.	Missionaries: Total Missionaries.	Native Helpers: Ordained Preachers.	Native Helpers: Unordained Preachers.	Native Helpers: Teachers (Men).	Native Helpers: Teachers (Women).	Native Helpers: Bible Women.	Native Helpers: Other Native Helpers.	Native Helpers: Total Native Helpers.	Church Statistics: Out-Stations, Place for Regular Meeting.	Church Statistics: Organized Churches.	Church Statistics: Churches Entirely Self-Supporting.	Church Statistics: Communicants.	Church Statistics: Added by Confession, '89.	Church Statistics: Adherents.	Church Statistics: Average Attendance.	Church Statistics: Sunday Schools.	Church Statistics: Sunday School Membership.	Educational Statistics: Theological Schools.	Educational Statistics: Students for the Ministry.	Educational Statistics: Students in Collegiate Training.	Educational Statistics: Boarding and High Schools.	Educational Statistics: Pupils. Boys.	Educational Statistics: Pupils. Girls.	Educational Statistics: Other Schools.	Educational Statistics: Pupils. Boys.	Educational Statistics: Pupils. Girls.	Educational Statistics: Total Number under Instruction.	Educational Statistics: Schools Entirely Self-Supporting.	Educational Statistics: United with Church during Year.	Native Contributions: Churches and Chapels.	Native Contributions: For Church and Congregational Expenses.	Native Contributions: For Education.	Native Contributions: For Building and Repairs.	Native Contributions: For Home and Foreign Missions.	Native Contributions: Total Native Contributions.	Appropriated by Board for Churches and Education (Native Work).
Totals,		30 000	1					1	2		2					2	4	3		76	27	280	207	3	180													2	397		45	76	518	120
Hermosillo	1866	18 000	1					1	2								2	1	—	14	—	75	37	1	40													1	$135.00	—	30.00	60.00	225.00	—
La Colorada	1862	8 000									1					1	1	1	—	14	—	80	45	1	40													1	125.00	—	15.00	16.00	156.00	120.00
Cumpas	1892	4 000									1					1	1	1	—	48	27	175	125	1	100													—	137.00	—	—	—	137.00	—

Name of Missionary, Horace T. Wagner

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Dec. 31, '98.

Parral

TABLE OF STATISTICS for the ~~Year~~ 9 months ending Dec. 31 1898 Mexico Mission.

Name of Station, Town or Village.	When Established.	Population of Field.	MISSIONARIES. Ordained.	Unordained (not Physicians).	Physicians (Men).	Physicians (Women).	Single Women.	Wives.	Total Missionaries.	NATIVE HELPERS. Ordained Preachers.	Unordained Preachers.	Teachers (Men).	Teachers (Women).	Bible Women.	Other Native Helpers.	Total Native Helpers.	CHURCH STATISTICS. Out-Stations. Places of Regular Meeting.	Organized Churches.	Churches Entirely Self-Supporting.	Communicants.	Added by Confession, 1898.	Adherents.	Average Attendance.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Membership.
Totals,		18000	1				1	1	3	0	2	0	1			3	10	3	0	261	5	500	265	7	270
Parral	'84	18000	1				1	1	3	0		0	1			1	1	1		150 (67)[2]	5	3,170	80	1	110
Corral de Piedras	'93																1			(16)		40	35	1	35
Cuevecillas or San Quintin	'97																1			(9)		30	15	1	15
San Ignacio	'96																2			(8)		40	20	0	
Dolores	'95										1[1]					1	1			(18)		40	20	1	25
Las Cuevas	'89									0	1					1	1	1		74	0	70	30	1	35
El Potrero	'88																1			(9)		30	20	1	20
Piedra Alumbre	'94																1			(8)		40	25	0	
Zaragoza	'88									0							1	1		37	0	40	20	1	30

Name of Station, Town or Village.	EDUCATIONAL STATISTICS. Theological Schools.	Students for the Ministry.	Students in Collegiate Training.	Boarding and High Schools.	PUPILS. Boys.	PUPILS. Girls.	Other Schools.	PUPILS. Boys.	PUPILS. Girls.	Total Number under Instruction.	Schools Entirely Self-Supporting.	United with Church during Year.	CHURCHES AND CHAPELS.	NATIVE CONTRIBUTIONS. For Church and Congregational Expenses.	For Education.	For Building and Repairs.	For Home and Foreign Missions.	Total Native Contributions.	APPROPRIATED BY BOARD. FOR CHURCHES AND EDUCATION (NATIVE WORK).
Totals,							4	61	58	119	2	0	3	207.69	102.50	47.30	7.69	365.38	963.76
Parral							1	41	45	86		0	1	102.93	18.30	17.50[3]	7.69	146.62	Ed. 443.75
Corral de Piedras							1	7	3	10	1			8.00	70.00±[6]			78.00	
Cuevecillas or San Quintin														5.00				5.00	
San Ignacio														0				0	
Dolores							1	5	10	15				70.51[7]				70.51	Student 40.00
Las Cuevas							1	8		8	1		1	16.25	14.00±[6]			30.25	Parsl 80.00
El Potrero																			
Piedra Alumbre																			
Zaragoza													1[4]	5.00		30.00		35.00	

1. El Paso School Student for 3 mos.
2. (–) Resident Members
3. Several Candidates for Membership
4. Chapel in process of construction.
5. For Chapel in Zaragoza
6. Estimated. Amount received by teachers not known
7. Including Board of Student

Name of Missionary, Otis C. Olds

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TABLE OF STATISTICS for the ~~Year~~ ending Dec. 31 1898

Mexico Mission.

Name of Station, Town or Village.	When Established.	Population of Field.	MISSIONARIES. Ordained.	Unordained (not Physicians).	Physicians (Men).	Physicians (Women).	Single Women.	Wives.	Total Missionaries.	NATIVE HELPERS. Ordained Preachers.	Unordained Preachers.	Teachers (Men).	Teachers (Women).	Bible Women.	Other Native Helpers.	Total Native Helpers.	CHURCH STATISTICS. Out-Stations, Places of Regular Meeting.	Organized Churches.	Churches Entirely Self-Supporting.	Communicants.	Added by Confession, '98.	Adherents.	Average Attendance.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Membership.
Totals,		1,160 000	6				7	6	19	1	11	1	6		2	21	60	17		963	81	2,148	1150	27	1101
Chihuahua (11)		61 000	1				3	1	5		3		4		1	8	16	5		278	17	697	407	10	287
El Paso (2)		17 000	1					1	2		2	1				3	4	3		167	27	450	125	4	180
Juarez		34 000	1				1	1	3		1					1	22	1		20	3	125	36	1	25
Guadalajara (1)		1,000 000	1				2	1	4	1	1		1		1	4	4	2		161	5	140	111	2	159
Hermosillo (2)		30 000	1					1	2		2					2	4	3		76	27	280	207	3	180
Parral (8)		18 000	1				1	1	3		2		1			3	10	3		261	5	500	265	7	270

Name of Station, Town or Village.	EDUCATIONAL STATISTICS. Theological Schools.	Students for the Ministry.	Students in Collegiate Training.	Boarding and High Schools.	PUPILS. Boys.	PUPILS. Girls.	Other Schools.	PUPILS. Boys.	PUPILS. Girls.	Total Number under Instruction.	Schools Entirely Self-Supporting.	United with Church during Year.	CHURCHES AND CHAPELS.	NATIVE CONTRIBUTIONS. For Church and Congregational Expenses.	For Education.	For Building and Repairs.	For Home and Foreign Missions.	Total Native Contributions.	APPROPRIATED BY BOARD. FOR CHURCHES AND EDUCATION (NATIVE WORK).
Totals,	1	6	10	2	27	83	8	73	157	351	2	7	11	1856	1067	537	270	3690	4138 Mex. 11 34 Gold
Chihuahua (11)				1		25	2	7	45	72		3	1	964	223		56	1243	2342 Gold
El Paso (2)	1	6	10							16		1	3	159	548	444	72	1183	1,34 Gold 5,12 Mex.
Juarez							1		34	38		1		11	83		13	107	
Guadalajara (1)				1	27	58	1	5	20	110		1	2	117	111		45	273	
Hermosillo (2)													2	397		45	76	518	120
Parral (8)							4	61	58	119	2		3	208	102	48	8	366	964

Name of Missionary, A. C. Wright. Sec'y.

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SALARY FORM.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

SALARIES Mexico MISSION Estimates for 1900

Stations and Names of Missionaries.	Personal Salary.	Children in Country.	Children in United States.	Total Salary.
Chihuahua:-				Gold
Mr. Eaton	$ 548.00	1 - 100.00	———	648.00
Mrs. Eaton B	540.00			540.00
Miss Burris C	540.00			540.00
Miss Dunning B	540.00			540.00
Miss Hammond B	540.00			540.00
El Paso:-				
Mr. Wright & fy	1,104.00	4 - 300.00	———	1,404.00
Fuerte:-				
Mr. Bissell & fy	1,098.00	1 - 50.00	3 - 175.00	1,323.00
Guadalajara:-				
Mr. Rowland	568.00	3 - 350.00	———	918.00
Mrs. Rowland B	540.00			540.00
Miss Haskins C	540.00			540.00
Miss Long B	540.00			540.00
Hermosillo:-				
Mr. Wagner & fy	1,084.00	1 - 50.00	———	1,134.00
Parral:-				
Mr. Olds & fy	1,088.00	1 - 50.00	1 - 50.00	1,188.00
Miss Prescott C	540.00			540.00
Total salaries for Mexico Mission				10,935.00

The same in dollars.

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GENERAL WORK FORM.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Estimates For Mexico Mission for ~~189~~ 1900

Chihuahua Station.

General Work A.B.C.F.M.			
Native Agency:-			
One Helper in Batopilas	$720.00		
" " " Jimenez	420.00		
" " " Guerrero	600.00	1,740.00	
Buildings:-			
Taxes: 1/3 Mission Compound.	23.83		
Minister	19.50		
Rents: Ho. & Chapel, Batopilas	240.00		
" " Jimenez	120.00	691.33	
Guerrero	288.00	691.00	
Miscellaneous:-			
Touring	150.00		
Horse Keep 50: do in Guerrero, 90.	140.00		
Publication & Postage	25.00		
Incidentals 1/2	17.50	332.50	
Total A.B.C.F.M.			2,763.50
General Work Women's Boards			
Native Agency:-			
One Bible Woman, Guerrero	180.00	180.00	
Education:-			
Two Assist. Teachers	520.00		
Boarding School	950.00	1,470.00	
Buildings:-			
Repairs, 1/2 Mission Compound	25.00		
Taxes, 2/3 " "	47.67	72.67	
Miscellaneous:-			
Incidentals 1/2	17.50	17.50	
Total Women's Boards.			1,740.17
General A.B.C.F.M.			
Treasurer's Office:			
Remittances, postage & stationery	100.00		
Assistant, in part	120.00	220.00	220.00

GENERAL WORK FORM.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Estimates For Mexico Mission for ~~189~~ 1900

El Paso Station.

General Work A.B.C.F.M.			
Native Agency:-			
One Helper, San Buenaventura	$420.00	420.00	
Education:-			
Training School, $1,515 Gold =	3,030.00		
(1) Assistant 600 "	1,200.00	4,230.00	
Miscellaneous:-			
Touring	40.00		
Horse-Keep	50.00		
Publication & Postage	10.00		
Trav. Exp. Annual Meeting	16.00		
Incidentals	10.00	126.00	
Total A.B.C.F.M.			4,776.00
General A.B.C.F.M.			
Student Work in Vacation	337.50		337.50
Moving Native Helpers	200.00		200.00

(1) Note. This sum of $600.00 gold will not be required, if the Board fills the vacancy in our ranks of perhaps a couple or three years standing.

GENERAL WORK FORM.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Estimates For Mexico Mission for ~~189~~ 1900

Fuerte Station.

General Work A.B.C.F.M.			
Native Agency:			
One Helper	$480.00	480.00	
Buildings:			
Rents: Chapel in Fuerte	60.00		
House for Helper	96.00	156.00	
Miscellaneous:			
Touring	150.00		
Horse Keep, & Mule do	100.00		
Publication & Postage	25.00		
Trav. Exp. Annual Meeting	150.00		
Incidentals	10.00	435.00	
Total A.B.C.F.M.			1,071.00
General Work Women's Board			
Education:			
One Bible Teacher	216.00		
Boarding School	650.00	866.00	
Buildings:			
Rent School	360.00		
Repairs ½	7.50	367.50	
Miscellaneous:			
Delegate to Annual Meeting	70.00		
Incidentals ½	7.50	77.50	
Total Women's Board			1,311.00
General A.B.C.F.M.			
"El Testigo"	600.00		600.00

GENERAL WORK FORM.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Estimates For Mexico Mission for ~~189~~ 1900

Guadalajara Station.

General Work A.B.C.F.M.			
Native Agency:-			
One Helper. Tlajomulco	$420.00	420.00	
Buildings:-			
Taxes	60.00	60.00	
Miscellaneous:-			
Village Work + Touring	150.00		
Publication + Postage	25.00		
Trav. Exp. Annual Meeting	70.00		
Incidentals 1/2	7.50	252.50	
Total A.B.C.F.M.			732.50
General Work Women's Boards			
Education:-			
One Ass't Teacher	216.00		
Boarding School	650.00	866.00	
Buildings:-			
Rent, School	360.00		
Repairs 1/2	7.50	367.50	
Miscellaneous:-			
Delegate to Annual Meeting	70.00		
Incidentals 1/2	7.50	77.50	
Total, Women's Boards,			1,311.00
General A.B.C.F.M.			
"El Testigo"	600.00		600.00

GENERAL WORK FORM.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Estimates For Mexico Mission for ~~189~~ 1900

Hermosillo Station.

General Work A.B.C.F.M.			
Native Agency:			
One Helper in La Colorada	$540.00		
" " " Cumpas	420.00	960.00	
Miscellaneous:-			
Touring	150.00		
Trav. Exp. Annual Meeting	75.00	225.00	
Total A.B.C.F.M.			1,185.00
General Work Women's Boards.			
Education			
Asst Teacher, Ferrol	180.00		
do do Zaragoza	180.00	360.00	
Buildings			
Rent School	295.00	295.00	
Miscellaneous:-			
Delegate to Annual Meeting	17.00		
Incidentals	12.50	29.50	
Total Women's Boards			684.50

GENERAL WORK FORM.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Estimates For Mexico Mission for ~~189~~ 1900

Parral Station.

General Work A.B.C.F.M.			
Native Agency:			
One Helper, in Las Cuevas	$480.00	480.00	
Buildings:			
Taxes	35.00	35.00	
Miscellaneous:			
Touring	100.00		
Horse-Keep	50.00		
Publication & Postage	25.00		
Trav. Exps. Annual Meeting	17.00		
Incidentals 1/2	12.50	204.50	
Total A.B.C.F.M.			719.50
General Work Women's Boards.			
Education:-			
Asst Teacher, Parral	180.00		
do do Zaragoza	180.00	360.00	
Buildings:-			
Rent, School	295.00	295.00	
Miscellaneous:-			
Delegate to Annual Meeting	17.00		
Incidentals 1/2	12.50	29.50	
Total Women's Boards			784.50

	Gold	Silver	Exchange	Silver
Totals	10,935.00	12,605.00	3,835.67	16,440.67
				U.S. Gold
			Gold equiv.	19,155.33

Rate of Exchange, 100% premium on gold or Mexican silver at 50 cents.

Date June 15, 1899

Signed James D. Eaton
Otis C. Olds } Committee

SUMMARY.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

SUMMARY FOR Mexico MISSION Estimates for 1900

STATIONS.	SALARIES.	GENERAL WORK. A. B. C. F. M.	GENERAL WORK. WOMEN'S BOARDS.	TOTAL.
	Gold	Mexican silver		Silver
Chihuahua	2,808.00	2,763.50	1,740.17	4,503.67
El Paso	1,404.00	4,776.00	———	4,776.00
Fuerte	(1323.00) 1,393.00	1,071.00	———	1,071.00
Guadalajara	2,538.00	732.50	1,311.00	2,043.50
Hermosillo	1,134.00	1,185.00	———	1,185.00
Parral	1,728.00	719.50	784.50	1,504.00
General:-				
Treasurer's Office		220.00		220.00
Student Work in Vacation		337.50		337.50
Moving Native Helpers		200.00		200.00
"El Testigo"		600.00		600.00
August 15, 1899				
	Gold	Silver	Silver	Silver
Totals	10,935.00	12,605.00	3,835.67	16,440.67 U.S. Gold
			Grand Total Asked,	19,155.33

Rate of Exchange, 100% premium on gold; or Mexican dollar at 50 cents.

Date, June 15, 1899

Signed James D. Eaton, Otis C. Olds } Committee.

GENERAL WORK FORM.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Estimates For Mexico Mission for ~~189~~ 1900

Station.

Mexican silver

Appendix.

General Work A.B.C.F.M.

Inter-visitation of Stations &c.
(taking advantage of Annual Meeting and national C.E. Convention)

Chihuahua	Field	$42.00	
El Paso	"	25.00	
Fuerte	"	150.00	
Guadalajara	"	26.00	
Hermosillo	"	80.00	
Parral	"	57.00	
			380.00

Rate of exchange estimated at 100% premium, or Mexican dollar at 50¢
Sum is equivalent to $190.00 gold

Otis C. Olds
James D. Eaton } Com.

August 15, 1899

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TABLE OF STATISTICS for the Year ending December 31 1899

Mexico Mission.

Name of Station, Town or Village.	When Established.	Population of Field.	MISSIONARIES. Ordained.	Unordained (not Physicians).	Physicians (Men).	Physicians (Women).	Single Women.	Wives.	Total Missionaries.	NATIVE HELPERS. Ordained Preachers.	Unordained Preachers.	Teachers (Men).	Teachers (Women).	Bible Women.	Other Native Helpers.	Total Native Helpers.	CHURCH STATISTICS. Out-Stations. Places of Regular Meeting.	Organized Churches.	Churches Entirely Self-Supporting.	Communicants.	Added by Confession, 1899.	Adherents.	Average Attendance.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Membership.
Totals,		45,375	1	0	0	0	2	1	4	0	3	0	3	1	1	8	17	5	0	291	15	821	411	12	428
Chihuahua	1882	22,000	1	0	0	0	2	1	4	0	0	0	3	0	1	4	2	1	0	149	9	250	135	1	206
Sta. Eulalia	'98	1,500															1					25	10	1	13
Sta. Rosalia	'96	5,000															1					16	10	1	8
Jiménez	'92	4,500									1					1	2	1		38	0	80	32	1	18
Villa López	'88	1,500															1			11	0	60	16	1	15
Batopilas	'95	4,000									1					1	2	1		38	6	110	41	2	58
G. Guerrero		4,000									1			1		2	1	0		24	0	90	40	1	45
San Isidro	'87	500															1	1		26	0	30	20	1	20
Sta. Inez		150															1	0				40	35	1	15
Casa Blanca	'99	75															1	0				15	12		
Rancho Colorado		250															1	0				30	15		
Matachic	'99	900															1	0				25	20	1	20
Namiquipa		1,000															1	0				30	15		
Ensihuirichic																	1	1		5		20	10	1	10

Name of Station, Town or Village.	EDUCATIONAL STATISTICS. Theological Schools.	Students for the Ministry.	Students in Collegiate Training.	Boarding and High Schools.	PUPILS. Boys.	PUPILS. Girls.	Other Schools.	PUPILS. Boys.	PUPILS. Girls.	Total Number under Instruction.	Schools Entirely Self-Supporting.	United with Church during Year.	CHURCHES AND CHAPELS.	NATIVE CONTRIBUTIONS. For Church and Educational Expenses.	For Education.	For Building and Repairs.	For Home and Foreign Missions.	Total Native Contributions.	APPROPRIATED BY BOARD FOR CHURCHES AND EDUCATION (NATIVE WORK).
Totals,	0	0	0	1	0	29	1	3	45	77	0	4	1	943	938	191	16	2088	3814
Chihuahua	0	0	0	1	0	29	1	3	45	77	0	4	1	$563	938	95	13	1609	1470
Sta. Eulalia														10				10	
Sta. Rosalia																			
Jiménez														53	—	25	3	81	540
Villa López																			
Batopilas														187	—	71	—	258	960
G. Guerrero														130				130	844
San Isidro																			
Sta. Inez																			
Casa Blanca																			
Rancho Colorado																			
Matachic								1	5	15	1				400			400	
Namiquipa																			
Ensihuirichic																			

Name of Missionary, James D. Eaton

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El Paso - Juarez — 148

TABLE OF STATISTICS for the Year ending Dec. 31 1899.

Mexico — Mission. Dec. 31, '99.

Name of Station, Town or Village.	When Established.	Population of Field.	Missionaries: Ordained.	Missionaries: Unordained (not Physicians).	Missionaries: Physicians (Men).	Missionaries: Physicians (Women).	Missionaries: Single Women.	Missionaries: Wives.	Missionaries: Total Missionaries.	Native Helpers: Ordained Preachers.	Native Helpers: Unordained Preachers.	Native Helpers: Teachers (Men).	Native Helpers: Teachers (Women).	Native Helpers: Bible Women.	Native Helpers: Other Native Helpers.	Native Helpers: Total Native Helpers.	Church Statistics: Out-Stations, Places of Regular Meeting.	Church Statistics: Organized Churches.	Church Statistics: Churches Entirely Self-Supporting.	Church Statistics: Communicants.	Church Statistics: Added by Confession, '99.	Church Statistics: Adherents.	Church Statistics: Average Attendance.	Church Statistics: Sunday Schools.	Church Statistics: Sunday School Membership.
Totals,		17,500	2					1	3			1				1	4	3		182	15	450	140	3	180
Paso -	1925	5,000	2	—	—	—	—	1	3	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	89	24	200	90	1	100
Juarez	1885	10,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	31	—	50	15	1	20
U.S.B. Guanajuato	1889	2,500	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	64	11	200	35	1	60

Name of Station, Town or Village.	Educational Statistics: Theological Schools.	Students for the Ministry.	Students in Collegiate Training.	Boarding and High Schools.	Pupils: Boys.	Pupils: Girls.	Other Schools.	Pupils: Boys.	Pupils: Girls.	Total Number under Instruction.	Schools Entirely Self-Supporting.	United with Church during Year.	Churches and Chapels.	Native Contributions: For Church and Congregational Expenses.	For Education.	For Building and Repairs.	For Home and Foreign Missions.	Total Native Contributions.	Appropriated by Board for Churches and Education (Native Work).
Totals,	1	5	7							12		2	3	252	767	427	42	1488	3265
Paso -	1	5	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	12	—	2	1	216	767	127	42	1152	3265
Juarez	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	18	—	—	—	18	—
U.S.B. Guanajuato	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	18	—	300	—	318	—

Notes - 1. This is only the Mexican population. The city has 23000.

2. This includes Rev. H.H. Stutsman, who is not regularly appointed by the Board.

Name of Missionary, C. P. Wright

TABLE OF STATISTICS for the Year ending ..... 189 ..... Mission.

Name of Station, Town or Village.	When Established.	Population of Field.	MISSIONARIES. Ordained.	Unordained (not Physicians).	Physicians (Men).	Physicians (Women).	Single Women.	Wives.	Total Missionaries.	NATIVE HELPERS. Ordained Preachers.	Unordained Preachers.	Teachers (Men).	Teachers (Women).	Bible Women.	Other Native Helpers.	Total Native Helpers.	CHURCH STATISTICS. Places of Regular Meeting.	Organized Churches.	Churches Entirely Self-Supporting.	Communicants.	Added by Confession, 1894.	Adherents.	Average Attendance.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Membership.
Totals,	91	34000	1	0	0	0	1 (4 mo.)	1	~~2~~ 3	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	22	1	—	25	5	125	35	1	26

Name of Station, Town or Village.	EDUCATIONAL STATISTICS. Theological Schools.	Students for the Ministry.	Students in Collegiate Training.	Boarding and High Schools.	PUPILS. Boys.	PUPILS. Girls.	Other Schools.	PUPILS. Boys.	PUPILS. Girls.	Total Number under Instruction.	Schools Entirely Self-Supporting.	United with Church during Year.	CHURCHES AND CHAPELS.	NATIVE CONTRIBUTIONS. For Church and Congregational Expenses.	For Education.	For Building and Repairs.	For Home and Foreign Missions.	Total Native Contributions.	APPROPRIATED BY BOARD. FOR CHURCHES AND EDUCATION (NATIVE WORK).
Totals,	—	—	—	—	—	~~1 (3 mo.)~~	1 (3 mo.)	30		30	—	5	0	16.70	37.61	—	16.96	71 27/100	

Name of Missionary, Henry M. Pissell.

TABLE OF STATISTICS for the Year ending December 31, 1899

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Name of Station, Town or Village.	When Established.	Population of Field.	MISSIONARIES. Ordained.	Unordained (not Physicians).	Physicians (Men).	Physicians (Women).	Single Women.	Wives.	Total Missionaries.	NATIVE HELPERS. Ordained Preachers.	Unordained Preachers.	Teachers (Men).	Teachers (Women).	Bible Women.	Other Native Helpers.	Total Native Helpers.	CHURCH STATISTICS. Out-Stations, Place of Regular Meeting.	Organized Churches.	Churches Entirely Self-Supporting.	Communicants.	Added by Confession, 189 .	Adherents.	Average Attendance.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Membership.
Guadalajara	1882	150,000(?)	1	0	0	0	2	1	4	0	0	0	1	0	2	3	3	2	1	115	23	175	100	2	90
Tlajomulco	1884	10,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	52	0	75	40	1	36

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Guadalajara	0	0	0	1	0	8	2	16	36	60	0	5	1	151.10	156.34	0	21.74	329.18	
Tlajomulco	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	11.39	0	6.25	0	17.65	

J. Stoveland
Name of Missionary.

TABLE OF STATISTICS for the Year ending December 31 1899. Mexican Mission.

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		38000	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	2	0	1	0	0	3	5	3	0	92	22	392	284	3	150
Hermosillo.	1886	16000	1					1	2								1	1		18	12	85	35	1	45
Colorada.	1886	8000									1		1			2	1	1		26	10	92	55	1	45
Empas.	1897	8000									1					1	1	1		48		150	125	1	60
Guripa.	1898	6000													(1 Native)	(1)	2					65	70		

Name of Station, Town or Village.	EDUCATIONAL STATISTICS. Theological Schools.	Students for the Ministry.	Students in Collegiate Training.	Boarding and High Schools.	PUPILS. Boys.	PUPILS. Girls.	Other Schools.	PUPILS. Boys.	PUPILS. Girls.	Total Number under Instruction.	Schools Entirely Self-Supporting.	United with Church during Year.	CHURCHES AND CHAPELS.	NATIVE CONTRIBUTIONS. For Church and Congregational Expenses.	For Education.	For Building and Repairs.	For Home and Foreign Missions.	Total Native Contributions.	APPROPRIATED BY BOARD. FOR CHURCHES AND EDUCATION (NATIVE WORK).
	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8	7	15	0	0	2	$365.00	$28.00	$620.00	$214.00	$238.00	$480.00
Hermosillo.													1	$87.00		$10.00	$215.00	$312.00	
Colorada.							1	8	7	15			1	135.00	$28.00	250.00		413.00	$480.00
Empas.														88.00		360.00		448.00	Helped by Hermosillo College & Presbyterians
Guripa.														55.00				55.00	

Name of Missionary, Horace T. Wagner

TABLE OF STATISTICS for the Year ending December 31st 1899

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Totals,			1	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	2	0	1	0	0	3	10	3	0	277	18	510	287	7	297
Parral	'84	20000	1				1	1	3	0			1			1	1	1		160 (72)[2]	12	180	80	1	110
Corral de Piedras	'93																1			(16)		40	35[1]	1	30
Cuevecillas	'97																1			(7)		20	12	1	10
San Ignacio	'96																2[1]			(9)		40	20	0	
Dolores	'95										1					1	1			(12)		60	60	1	70
s Cuevas	'89																								
El Potrero	'88										1					1	1	1		76	2	75[1]	32	1	22
Piedra Alumbre	'94																1			(15)		35[1]	20	1	25[1]
																	1			(4)		10	8	0	
aragoza	'88																1	1		41	4	50	20	1	30

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Totals,	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	64	58	122	2	0	3	277	148	102	5	532	1219
Parral							1	56	49	105	0		1	90	58	0	5	153	467 Educ
Corral de Piedras							1	5	0	5	1			2	90	0	0	92	
Cuevecillas														3	0	0	0	3	
San Ignacio														2	0	0	0	2	
Dolores							1	3	9	12	1[3]			134	0	0	0	134	150 Preach
s Cuevas																			
El Potrero													1	16	0	2	0	18	480 Preach
Piedra Alumbre														0	0	0	0	0	
														0	0	0	0	0	
aragoza													1	30[4]	0	100[5]	0	130	122 Building

One at San Ignacio and the other at Guadalupe, 3 miles distant
Resident members.
Taught by native preacher
Including board of student during the summer
Including labor.

Name of Missionary, Otis C Olds.

Summary -

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Totals,		314,875	7	0			6	6	19	1	8	1	6	1	4	20	63	18	1	1034	98	2548	1298	29	1207
Chihuahua		45,375	1	0			2	1	4	0	3	0	3	1	1	8	17	5	0	291	15	821	411	12	428
El Paso.		17,500	2	0			0	1	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	4	3	0	182	15	450	140	3	180
Juarez.		34,000	1	0			1	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	22	1	0	25	5	125	35	1	26
Guadalajara.		160,000	1	0			2	1	4	1	0	0	1	0	2	4	5	3	1	167	23	250	140	3	126
Hermosillo.		38,000	1	0			0	1	2	0	2	0	1	0	1	3	5	3	0	92	22	392	285	3	150
Parral.		20,000	1	0			1	1	3	0	2	0	1	0	0	3	10	3	0	277	18	510	287	7	297

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Totals,	1	5	7	2	0	37	9	96	191	336	3	16	11	2016	2475	1346	317	6154	8778
Chihuahua				1		29	2	8	60	97	1	4	1	943	1338	191	16	2488	3814
El Paso.	1	5	7				0	0	0	12	0	2	3	252	967	427	42	1488	3,265
Juarez.							1	0	30	30	0	5	0	17	38		17	72	
Guadalajara.				1		8	2	16	36	60	0	5	2	162	156	6	22	346	
Hermosillo.							1	8	7	15	0	0	2	365	28	620	215	1228	480
Parral.							3	64	58	122	2	0	3	277	148	102	5	532	1219

Note:- In these statistics are included Mr. Stutson, at El Paso, not regularly appointed, & arriving in October of 1899, and Miss Miller, who left the mission in April of the same year.

Secretary of the Mission, A. C. Wright.

Name of Missionary.

Training School
at
El Paso

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Concerning Training School
at
El Paso.

C. R. Bliss, J. B. Clark, A. W. Hubbard &c.

REV. DAVID B. COE, *Hon. Sec.*
REV. JOSEPH B. CLARK, } *Secretaries.*
REV. WILLIAM KINCAID, }
REV. ALEX'R H. CLAPP, *Treasurer.*

Dictated

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American Home Missionary Society.

BIBLE HOUSE, ASTOR PLACE,

New York,

Rev. N. G. Clark, D. D.,

Bosto , Ma s.

My dear Dr. Clark:

I have bee awaiting with some interest the result of your correspondence with Dr. Savage of Chicago. I have this morning a telegram from Superintednent Hood of New Mexico asking if our Committee will appropriate $500. a year to start a Mexican training school joining with the New West and the American Board. Of course, I canot reply definitely to that inquiry for our Committee have not had this matter in any shape yet for action. You were not very sanguine in your letter of Jan. 8th, about the New West taking up the work. We are absolutely in the dark as to their purpose. We have received no overtures from them on the subject.. Our only correspondence has been with youand our prefere nce as expressed in my last letter continues unchanged. I should have great hope of favorable action by our Committee if the proposition were to join with the American Board in planting and carin gfor this school. I have little hope of success in asking our Committee to unite with the New West for this purpose. To make the proposition at all in that form would be to secure its defeat. Do you see any more light upon this question which would ena ble us to bring this matter in a business form before our Committee?

Very truly yours,

J. B. Clark

Rev. David B. Coe, *Hon. Sec.*
Rev. Joseph B. Clark, } *Secretaries.*
Rev. William Kincaid, }
Rev. Alex'r H. Clapp, *Treasurer.*

American Home Missionary Society.
BIBLE HOUSE, ASTOR PLACE,

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New York, Feb. 10,1890.

Rev.N.G.Clark, D.D.

Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr.Clark:- Your favor of Feb.3d came while I was absent at Chicago. As it turned out our meeting on the 5th was so crowded with business that half the docket had to be postponed and the matter of the Training School would naturally have gone over even had I been present and ready to bring it to the attention of the Board. Our next meeting is Feb.19, and I should like at that time to present the matter for definite action.There are one or two questions which are sure to be asked and which with my present light I confess I can not answer. Will you be kind enough to inform me under whose management this training school is to be conducted? Is it a training school of the American Board in which the New West Commission and the A.H.M.S. are to take a co-operative part or is it a school of the New West with which the American Board and the A.H.M.S are co-operating as helpers or is it a school conducted by three partners on equal terms? These are points which are vital to our action. An hour's conference would probably have made these matters perfectly clear long ago but I confess that none of us are able from the correspondence as yet to answer these inquiries intelligently. I have strong hope that if these inquiries can be answered satisfactorily to our committee,

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they will see the wisdom of joining hands with the Board and the New West in the opening of this greatly needed school

Very cordially yours,

J. B. Beach

Rev. J. C. Bralard
Feb. 10 1890

Rev. David B. Coe, *Hon. Sec.*
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Rev. William Kincaid, }
Rev. Alex'r H. Clapp, *Treasurer.*

American Home Missionary Society.
BIBLE HOUSE, ASTOR PLACE,

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New York, Feb. 20,1890.

Rev.N.G.Clark,D.D.

Boston, Mass.

Dear Brother:- The matter of the Mexican Training School was presented to our Executive Committee yesterday and quite fully discussed. No action was reached, but the matter deferred until the first meeting in March, Wednesday, 5th.

There are two questions: First. Have we any authority under our charter to appro priate funds for a Training School? It can only be done by an exception to our rule. We have no precedent for such action. I am free to say from the tenor of the discussion yesterday that this difficulty would be [illegible] overcome provided our committee were satisfied with the proposed plan of organization That was their second and their chief difficulty. They fully endorse my letter of Jan.2d to you. They apprehend friction in attempting to administer a triple headed school under no particular ownership. Or,if it is contemplated that the New West Ed.Comm. shall finally own the school they are still more apprehensive of friction [illegible] such an arrangement. I am convinced from the tone of the Committee yesterday that they will never agree to j oin in the plan proposed and I am equally satisfied that if the American Board will plant a school of its own on the Mexican side precisely as they do in other fields that the A. .M.S. will be

ready to make a grant towards the support of such a school in view of the benefits which they hope to derive therefrom. I was instructed by the Committee to urge the objections contained in my letter of Jan.2d and to ask you for a careful consideration of the same.

With the wish and the hope that we may all come to perfect agreement in this matter and arrive at the best plan for so important an enterprise, I am,

Very truly yours,

J. B. Clark
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Rev. J. B. Clark DD
Feb. 20. 1880

REV. DAVID B. COE, *Hon. Sec.*
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REV. WILLIAM KINCAID, }
REV. ALEX'R H. CLAPP, *Treasurer.*

American Home Missionary Society.
BIBLE HOUSE, ASTOR PLACE,

New York, March 3,1890.

Rev.N.G.Clark,D.D.

Boston, Mass.

My Dear Dr.Clark;- Your favor of the 26, is received. I am very happy to respond to your desire and tell you all our difficulties with respect to the Mexican Training School.

In the first place the officers of the Society and the Executive Committee are all agreed, I believe, as to the need and importance of such a school. The American Board needs trained missionaries. The New West must have trained teachers for its work in New Mexico. And the A.H.M.S. has a great native work to do in New Mexico for which only trained native missionaries are competent. The three societies are heartily agreed in the necessity of such an institution.

But in the second place we are perplexed by the somewhat confused and contradictory representations which are now before our Board for their action. For example:

The conference of workers held at El Paso in Dec. '89, resolved, "That we urge upon the N.W.E.C. the importance of establishing in El Paso a Theological Training School etc"

In an elaborate statement by Supt.Hood prepared soon after this conference we are informed that "The part of the New West wil be the general management of the School and ultimately its entire support and control" In

In a later communication urging upon our committee their action in behalf of the school, Mr .Hood says, "It was the unanimous opinion of the missionaries to ask the New West to assume the entire expense and control."

In your letter of Dec.25th, to Dr.Savage of Chicago, you say "If you (the New West) are prepared to take up the work and carry it forward I should prefer to have you do so." The alternative as the letter shows was a combined arrangement in which the three societies should bear an equal part.

In your letter to me of Feb.26, you say, "There has been no ~~part~~ thought on our part of handing over the institution to the New West Education Commission" All these documents are before our committee and you will scarcely wonder that they are referred back to the secretary with a request that we shall obtain from some source or other a definite proposition.

Enough was said however in the discussion to make it certain that if the plan of making this a New West institution shall prevail our committee will take no part in it. Tis feeling is not owing to any unpleasant relations between us and the New West. It is based upon two facts, first, the New West Education has no charter permitting it to establish an institution for theological training in Mexico, and secondly, we fear that the churches will not sustain the New West in initiating such an enterprise. It is rather a wide

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New York,

spread feeling that the time has nearly come and perhaps now is when the Commission should begin to wind up its affairs in Utah and New Mexico. This movement therefore will strike many as a distinct purpose on its part not to wind up but to enlarge its operations. We should not like to make ourselves responsible to the New West for the support in any way of an institution which the churchs themselves might not want. This is our whole objection to following the lead of the New West in organizing this school.

The second plan proposed and apparently favored by yourself in your late letters is that of a combination on equal terms of the three societies. Our objection to this arrangement is that such combinations between societies are not apt to work harmoniously. I have consulted several wise men connected with benevolent socieites here in New York and they all tell me without exception that such combinations almost inevitably create friction and work at great disadvantage. I will not say what would be the final action of the committee on such a proposition but I question whether they will be willing to adopt this plan.

The plan which seems to us here in this office entirely feasible and free from all objection is that the American Board establish a Training School in Old Mexico as it does in other parts of its field; that it administer this school, as it does all its schools

that it be wholly responsible for it and that the New West and the A.H.M.S. contribute towards its support and share in its benefits. If the proposition could take this shape I have every hope that our committee will be able to waive the constitutional objection against appropriating money for schools and make this an exception to its general rule.

I have done as you ask, written you all that we have in mind concerning this matter It may be there are radical objections to our proposition. If so I know you will be kind enough to show them in your reply and then it will be our turn if possible to modify our own expectations.

Very sincerely yours

Jos B Clark
Sec

Jos. B. Clark, March 7, 1890
Rec'd March 14

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New York, May 26,1890.

Rev.N.G.Clark, D.D.

Boston, Mass.

Dear Brother:- I have held your letter of May 14th until Mr. Hood's visit. We have been carefully over the situation as to the Mexican Training School together. The difficulties in the way of our Committee, to which I have alluded in previous letters, remain. and I have no hope of persuading the Committee to enter into any arrangement which shall make them partners with the Board and the New West in the administration of a Training School in Mexico. Nevertheless such a school is of the very first importance both for your work and for ours. It has occured to me that a plan might be adopted which would accomplish all that you desire in the way of financial help from us and would at the same time avoid the technical difficulties of which we have spoken and secure also the training of men through your school for our work. I can not mention the plan with all its details but only in the rough and I do e by way of suggestion to see how it strikes you.

Mr.Hood is aware of three and perhaps four men who are ready for training and at the same time for some service among the native Mexicans in N.M. Suppose these three or four young men should be encouraged to connect themselves with the school with the understanding that they

are to do missionary work to some extent in New Mexico while pursuing their studies. Suppose our committee should make a grant towards the expense of this training and this work, a grant, that is, for each man. These men would then be our missionaries while the school would receive our grant, give them training, in return, and support, so far as the grant would cover these expenses.. This would relieve us of all immediate administration in the school and would overcome the technical objections which some of our committee feel to making appropriations for educational work.

I think you get our idea from what I have said above. How does it strike you and what do you think would be a fair grant to make towards this purpose for each of these men. If you see any serious objections to this plan, please be perfectly frank to name them and so oblige,

Very truly yours,

Jos B Clark
Sec

Rec'd. Aug. 28, 1890
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New York, August 7th, 1890.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D. D.,

Congregational House, Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Clark:-

Your favor of July 30th, with reference to the Rio Grande Training School, came duly. Your suggestion of twenty dollars ($20) a month for such of our young men as may be sent to that school for preparation for the work strikes us as entirely fair and reasonable. I brought the subject to the notice of our Committee at their meeting yesterday, the first after the receipt of your letter, and they unanimously passed the following resolution:-"Voted - That for each missionary of this Society receiving instruction at the Rio Grande Congregational Training School in Mexico the Secretaries are authorized to pay twenty dollars per month (U. S. Currency) during his presence in said school, provided that this sum shall cover the expense of board, lodging and tuition of said student." This action I suppose will adjust matters for the present, and I hope to the satisfaction of all concerned. I trust the school may have a successful career, and be the means of raising up many laborers for the great harvest that awaits us, both on your and our side of the river.

-2- Clark.

I am glad to hear from your letter that after some indisposition you are again at work at the Rooms. My thought often lingers lovingly over the official group in the rooms of the A. B. C. F. M. Your report of receipts lately is certainly encouraging. I hope that the meeting at Minneapolis, at which it is my earnest desire to be present, may be able to make a magnificent showing for the work of the year.

Our Dr. Clark is just now at the seaside.

Yours sincerely,

Wm. Kincaid

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Chicago, April 5, 1892. 189

r. A.C. Wright,

Box 452, El Paso, Texas.

y dear sir:-

I have your letters of the 19th of March which were received t this office during my absence in New York.

Our Board meet this afternoon and we will take up the matter of he school property at that time, so I shall have authority to go on with he work.

I thought I had explained to you before, that when I speak of he year, I mean the fiscal year of the New West Education Commission, eginning July 1st, 1891 and ending June 30, 1892.

The $700 extra which is due for this year will be sent as soon s possible. I do not feel satisfied with the way this matter has been onducted: The expenses at Juarez have increased steadily and we have een forced to increase our appropriation without, so far as I know, or ny member of the Finance Committee, any consulation with our Board or ny of the officers. It does not seem to me that this is right and I now that others of our Board feel the same way about it. I do not mean o criticise the expenses but I do feel that increased expenses and the ne essity for an increased appropriation should not be made without the know edge of those who are interested to at least the extent of one-half, as as been done in the past.

We have very reason to believe that perhaps we may be called

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n to give next year, instead of $2800, $3500. I sincerely hope some may be devised by which we shall have fair warning as to what is to done. It is evident, from the end of your letter, that the American rd increased their proportion, as I have said before, without so far as ing any consulation with our Board. Please give me what light you on this matter, and oblige,

Yours very truly,

Jno. H. Hubbard.

Treasurer.

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r. W.H.Hubbard,
Chicago, Ill.,

ear Sir:-

Your favor of the 5th is before me and I hasten to reply. ou will readily see why I asked what you meant by the "year" when ou remember that I had had no notice of the extra grant of $700 to hich you refer until your last letter, and had received from you a tatement each month that the $175 was payment in full for the month.

With this understanding I have nothing at all to say as to the ppropriation as it even exceeds that of the American Board at present ates of exchange, for theirs is made in Mex. Silver.

In regard to increase of expenses I would only say that the New West has had the same data from which to judge as to what would be needed as the American Board, has received the same information from me of the growth and needs of the school. In only one point has more been furnished to the Am Board, viz., in accordance with the custom with all its missionaries and missions, estimates are sent as to the needs for the coming year some six months before the beginning of that year, from which estimates they make the appropriations. Thus next June I shall send them estimates of the probable needs for the year beginning Jan. 1st-- 1893, and the basis of that they will make the appropriation. If desired and requested by the New West I will do the

same

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same for them, and indeed, would be glad to do at any time that may be desired.

It was fully understood by the New West that this school began as a very small thing, with seven students; that as the expenses of these, board and clothing and all is carried by the two societies, the expense would increase rapidly with the number of students admitted as candidates for the ministry; that it had no outfit whatever and could secure it only gradually which would keep up the expense for some years; that it had an insufficient teaching force considering thw wide range taught, and would need re-enforcement soon.

As to the future, we do not expect to receive many more very soon to this especial department of training for the ministry, -- some will be dropped at the end of this year as not of sufficient promise to retain, and a few others may be received if we have sufficinet hope of being able to keep them. I do not foresee any large increase of expense during the coming year except that so soon as the new man whom we have been looking for earnestly for months now, shall be secur ed to take the place of Mr. Olds so that he may go to his field in the interior, his salary will come upon the general funds of the school, an expense which the Am. Board is carrying entirely alone and in addition to its appropriation for this year. Just as soon as we can

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use the buildings proposed by the New West a large expense will be saved for the general use, as can be seen from the fact that we have had to pay out in rents since our coming to this place the sum of $1552 Mex. silver.

All who have visited that school are impressed with work that it is doing and those who know the students in their work for the Master both during the school sessions and in vacations, give great emphasis to the need and success of this work.

I hope that nothing which I may have written you will be taken as criticism, for that I have not intended, and if I have thought the New West behind in its support of the school, it is because of lack of being informed as to what it has done. If I may be allowed a suggestion it would be that some arrangement be made by which I may have the use of a sufficient working fund to furnish the money needed for the running expenses of the school when the monthly payments are not sent on time. As an illustration, I have only $45 at present for all expenses until I shall receive a remittance.

For a better understanding of the whole matter I will send a copy of your letter and of this to Dr. Clark of Boston. With the assurance that all will be satisfactorily arranged for the best prosecution of so grand a work, I am,

Sincerely yours,

A O Wight.

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Chicago, June 22, 1892. 189

r. Clark,

Secy. A.B.C.F.M.

Congregational House Boston, Mass.

y Dear Sir:--

As you are aware, the New West Education Commission will probably xpend about $11,000.00 in building and equipping the training school and ottage at El Paso, Texas. As this building is used by our two societies ointly, it is proper that a fair rent for the property should be charged s a portion of the expense and that the New West should be credited with his rent toward the one-half of the expenses borne by them. It seems o me that a fair rental would be $750.00 per annum. This is a trifle ess than 7% on $11,000.00.

Please advise me whether this meets with your approval. Mr Wright as requested that this matter be adjusted so that it can be considered in is estimate of expenses for the ensuing six months.

Yours very truly,

Wm H. Hubbard

Treasurer.

American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

Congregational House, 1 Somerset Street,

Boston, July 8, 1892.

Hon. W.P. Ellison,

Room 22, 87 Milk St. Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Ellison,

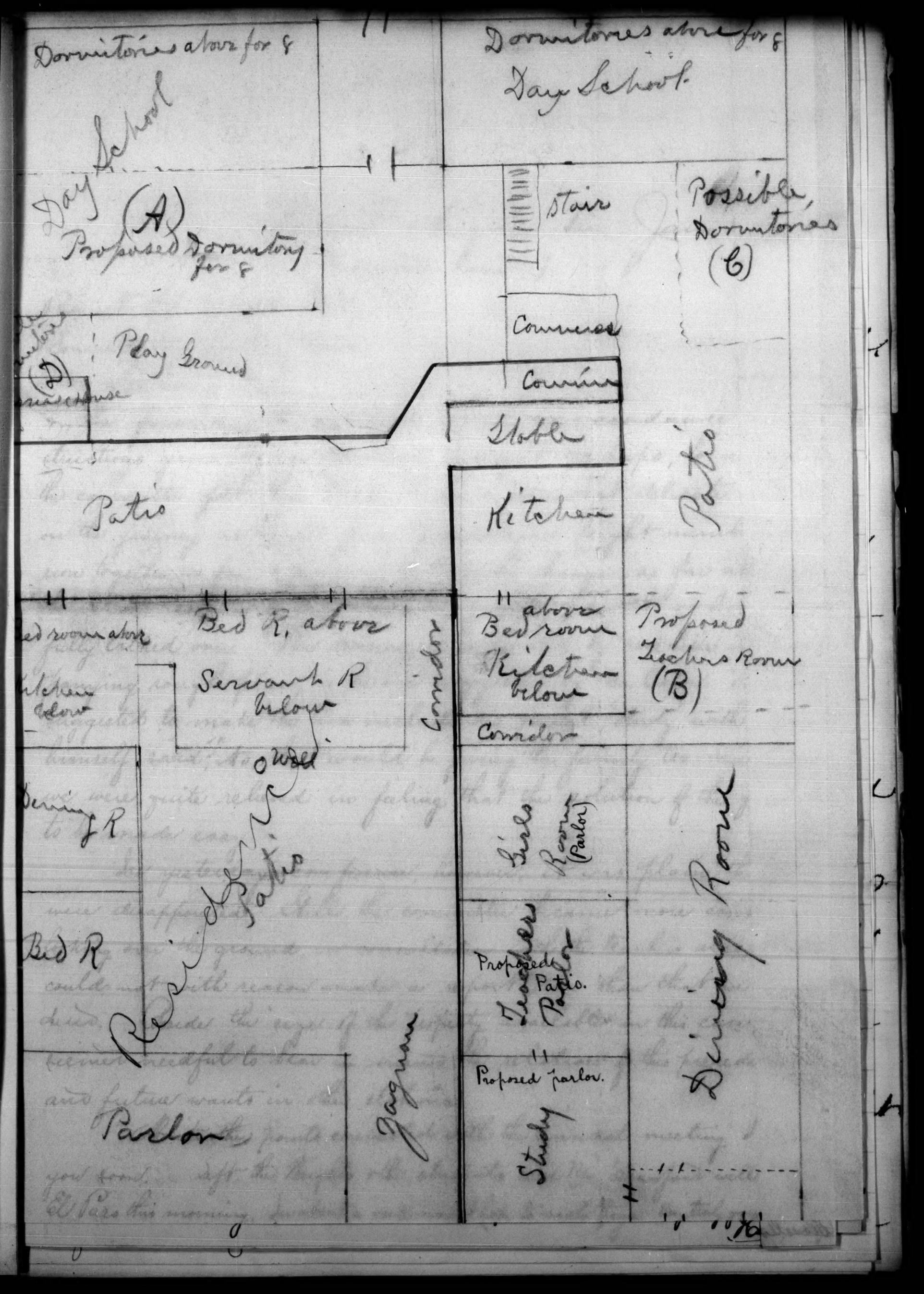
I send you herewith various documents relating to the Training School at El Paso. There has been no other arrangement with the New West Commission than the understanding that we were to share equally in the expenses of the Rio Grande Training School. As you will see by these reports the matter has been somewhat undeveloped and I have had it in mind as soon as building operations were completed to have a more distinct and definite arrangement though the understanding has been all along half and half in the matter of expense. The question now, is, whether the New West should be allowed $750., toward their half in the form of rent for the new building.

Now that I am writing, let me say that the report from the Marathi Mission at their annual meeting in October of last year in the case of Mr. Hume, was not received till late in November. If I remember rightly, it was referred at that time to Mr. Burr and Mr. Whitcomb. Whether I read it to the Prud. Committee or not, I do not recall. The report reads as per the enclosed copy which I send thinking it may interest you.

Very Truly Yours,

N. G. Clark

P.S. As I am to be away next week I would hope that the Prud. Committee might defer their report until the week following.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Proposed parlor.
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Parlor
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Benson, Arizona Ter., Jan. 27, 1893.
(Homeward-bound.)

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.
1 Somerset St., Boston, Mass.

Dear Brother:

In forwarding the enclosed report, in accordance with instructions given by our Mission, I ought, perhaps, to add that the committee felt their task to be a somewhat delicate one. While on the journey northward from Guadalajara (eight members of the Mission together as far as Jimenez) the possible changes, so far as effecting the desired isolation of the missionary family from the school, were very fully talked over. The division, as indicated by red line in the accompanying rough plan, is the one suggested by Mr. Eaton. When it was suggested to make the line include his present 'study' with 'residence', himself said, "No, that would be giving the family too much." Indeed we were quite relieved in feeling that the solution of the question was to be made easy.

In yesterday's conference, however, it was plain that the Eatons were disappointed. Still, the committee became more convinced, on looking over the ground, in consultation with the teachers also, that we could not with reason make a report other than that we have rendered. Beside the size of the property available in this case, it has seemed needful to bear in mind the relation of this precedent to present and future wants in other stations.

About other points connected with the annual meeting I hope to write you soon. Left the Wrights & the students and Mr. Crawford well & busy at El Paso this morning. In about a week more I hope to reach home.

Very truly yours,
Henry M. Bissell

Report

of the committee on Missionary residence at Chihuahua.

In its recent meeting at Guadalajara the Mission fully recognized the general desirability of residences for missionary families separate from mission schools. A committee of three, consisting of Brethren Brazell, Crawford and Olds, was appointed to visit Chihuahua and look over the Mission property and recommend either the purchase of a site and the building of a new residence, at a total cost not to exceed Three Thousand Dollars ($3000=) gold; or such a remodeling of the present school and residence property as would secure the desired separation between the family and the school.

Your committee, after full conference with the mission family and with the lady teachers concerned, and after careful examination of the premises, are agreed that, by making additions at points marked "A", "B", "C" and "D" in the accompanying sketch, the property is sufficiently large for the accommodation of both family and school, even though the latter should increase to double its present number, — and would therefore recommend such remodeling as will secure entire separation between the missionary family and the school.

We would further recommend the erection of an additional dormitory ("A") adjoining the present one, over the large school-room, and, second, the erection of a two-story addition ("B") providing three rooms, one for Mexican matron below, and two for lady teachers above. This change provides rooms for two lady teachers, a native matron, a store room, and additional dormitory room for ten girls.

Your committee is of the opinion that the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred Dollars ($1200=) gold is sufficient to

secure the erection of the above mentioned additions, and such minor changes as may be required to complete the division.

We would therefore (in accordance with instructions from the Mission) request that the sum above named, ~~be~~ that is, One Thousand Two Hundred Dollars ($1200^{00}) gold, be immediately granted for this work.

The committee. { M. A. Crawford
Otis C. Olds.
Henry M. Pirsell.

Plan of Chapel
at Chefoo

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N.G.Clark,D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your favor of the 14th and am glad that have presented the subject of the school in this way. It was one he principal subjects of discussion at the annual meeting. As to wn thought, I cannot say that I have so definitely decided as to able to say much more than has been said. The action on the various ts taken by the mission meets my hearty approval, and further than m mediate appointment of a new man to be located provisionally in order to relieve Miss Stahl, as she has requested, I do not that the future is sufficiently clear to warrant us in doing more. ord "provisionally" is not used to definitely imply a change of man after a time, but only the possible readjustment of forces so best utilize the material.

I infer from your letter that you had not then received a copy of inutes of the meeting; I presume that they have arrived ere this, ill clear up many points for you, but I will gladly notice the cts you mention independently of any action which we may have there.

Yes, there was a very general, almost unanimous desire to have Mr.

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owland connected with this work. All recognize his especial adaptabil-
ty for this department, but we also see in his field the proof of
special fitness for almost every kind of missionary labor, and we do
ot feel that such an important field can, in any way, beleft weakened.
he consideration of the latter point nearly divided the mission, and
ade our action a little indefinite, and I may safely say, incomplete
s yet. We were not ready to see him transferred until we knew definite-
y what could be done with his field, which we could not know until
ure of a new man some where. One idea which was behind the motion
arried in regard to the appointment of the new man, was that the new
ne come here to remain until he should have acquired a fair knowledge
f the language; then, in view of the especial difficulties of the
uadalajara field, requiring a longer experience with this people, he
e transferred to Chihuahua and Mr. Eaton to Guadalajara and Mr. How-
and to this place. But this was deemed too far in the future to be
ut into definite form. Several thought that the immediate transferral
f Mr. H. to this place would give us more than is needed for the
chool at present. My own thought is that if he came he would bring the
aper, "El Testigo" with him, and that, together with the work needed
n developing the field of 9000 Mexicans on the Ciudad Juarez side,
ith regular class work would be as much as any one man ought to be

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pected to do. As the school work increases, more and more of that urch work could be carried on by native helpers under direction of the ssionary. I should be most happy to have him associated with us in th is work. He is the one of all the missionfor it, and ~~any new man om we may secure~~ it is improbable that we shall be able to secure new man so well adapted.

Mr. Houlding was not at our meeting this year, but was at Chihuahua st year. All were favorably impressed with him as an efficient and rnest worker, but the hesitancy (of last year) was only because some thought him pecially gifted as an evangelist and perhaps not so well adapted to e training department, and did not see how he would be able to go ywhere but to this place. He was formerly under appointment to China, t was detained by the ill health of his wife. He is now pursuing st graduate studies at Pacific Sem. and carrying on a new work in kland, Calif. He was a classmate with me at Chicago, my warm friend d especial comrade in missionary aspirations.

I will reply to your inquiries as to the school:- There have been students since the first of September. The qualifications for ad- ttance are; the recommendation of some missionary, home or foreign; rpose of devoting the life to the preaching of the Gospel, and for e present, sufficient advance in studies to enter existing classes; cannot form any new classes in justice to ourselves or the students.

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In view of the great diversity in the first students and the lack textbooks in Spanish, it has been impracticable to announce a course study as complete as yet. The length of stay in the school is really re dependent upon the age of the student himself than upon the course study. Three will leave us this year not to return; one has been und der my direction for over four years and is our best material; anothe 45 years of age and has been here a part of two years; the other has en here less than two years, is young and bright, but has a family d we cannot afford to keep him here longer.

The school is in general divided into two classes, the upper hav- g four recitations a day and the lower six; but there are those tak- g more advanced studies in some things, and others who are behind in me branches, making four other recitations a day. Of the present udents, all but one have come originally from the mission work in d Mexico, but the families of four of them are now living in the ited States. We have none sent by the A.H.M.S.

I would not be in favor of throwing the responsibility of the oice of the new man on the New West Commission. They have not ex- erience with the appointment of men for theological training or for ssionary work. I may say that the mission, if not in a motion, in en discussion, expressed itself as strongly of the same opinion.

The New West erected two buildings, one being a cottage, fifty

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et from the school building (it appears in the photagraph which I nt you last January), in which we live. I have "general charge and ersight of the students"; close the building every night at ten o' ock, and am supposed to know where each student is at any hour. ere is a dining-room and kitchen in the ~~kitche~~ basement, and a matron ployed by appointment of the New West, Mrs. Stahl, the mother of eir teacher, attends to that department. She and her daughter have oms in the school building. Mrs. Stahl will not remain another year, d Mr. Birlew, who has charge of the carpenter and print shops, ex- ts to leave next month. Miss Stahl intends to remain until a man appointed to take her place; there is, in the Mexican mind, a pre- dice against lady teachers even for young boys, and much more as gards young men, and the mission favor the appointment of a man for t e place at the earliest possible moment. Several are especially gent on this point.

I am now employing my most advanced student in teaching one class, t he is to leave next year, and I shall then have no one who can be employed.

If, after reading the minutes, you wish further light, I shall be ad to help you in any way possible to me.

With kindest regards, sincerely yours,

A. C. Wright.

Confidential

Lake Breeze. Lorain Co. O.
July 12. '93

Rev. Chas. R. Bliss
Secy N. W. E. C.
Chicago.

Dear Bro.

In reply to your questions about Prof. J. Leadingham I would say that he is 1) a man of earnest Christian & missionary spirit. 2) He succeeded very well in teaching Bohemian young men of very limited previous education and knowledge of English, such branches as Mental and Moral Philosophy. While I cannot say that he is a man of broad culture, and while I know that he is a poor public speaker, lacking magnetism & fire, I am sure that he can succeed in teaching several branches better than some Profs. whose names are well known. He is a good drill master, careful & painstaking & clear. 3) I fear however that he would not be successful in acquiring a foreign language, tho', as Spanish is to man Latin, - if he is a good Latin scholar (about which I am not informed) he may be able to learn it. He is pretty old to begin learning a language for daily use, especially if he has never so acquired any other. I could not persuade him to learn Bohemian, but that is much harder than Spanish, & he could not

see the need of learning it. Mrs L. is a superior woman. If you can employ Prof where he need not learn Spanish, I think you would not regret it. He is not at all brilliant but is a man of character, & experience and do good, solid, successful work as a teacher.

Yours came while I was away. Please excuse the delay in answering.

Very fraternally yours

H. A. Mauffler

OBERLIN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY,
SLAVIC DEPARTMENT.
J. LEADINGHAM.

OBERLIN, OHIO, July 15th 1893

Rev. Chas. R. Bliss. -
Chicago, Ill.
Dear Sir. -

I have written to Rev. A. C. Wright as you suggested in your letter of July 10th, making inquiries in regard to the Training School in El Paso and in regard to the climate &c. I realize that it is as you say, that under the circumstances any arrangements that may be made should promise permanency, and if I enter the work at all it will be with the expectation of remaining in it.

The chief obstacle that appears at present is the separation of Mrs Leadingham from her mother, which owing to the age and rather enfeebled state of health of the latter makes the difficulty seem a serious one. It might not however be insuperable.

I should be glad to hear any proposition which the authorities in charge of the school have to make, and when I have got possession of the facts in the case would be able

to reach a decision.

I think the work is one which I should enjoy and if only my own preferences were involved I do not think I would be long in deciding.

Very truly yours

J. Leadingham.

C. R. Brown -
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Chicago, July 20, 1893.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.,

Boston, Mass.,

My Dear Sir:-

According to the arrangement made in Boston I have opened a correspondence with Prof. Leadingham and have received two letters with respect to him, one of which is very favorable and the other less so. I send them for your perusal. Before I had received the one from Dr. Schauffler I had written to Prof. Leadingham suggesting that he open a correspondence with Mr. Wright to ascertain facts which would be important to him. But the receipt of the letter of Mr. Schauffler has arrested all further movement toward employing him. Please give me your impressions about the matter and also inform me whether you have any other man in view.

After Prof. Leadingham shall have heard from Mr. Wright I presume he will communicate again with me about it, but it does not seem to be wise to make any proposition to him. At least that is my present view of the matter.

Truly yours,

C. R. Bliss

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CHICAGO, July 22nd, 1893.

Rev. C. R. Bliss, Secretary,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Bro. Bliss:-

The Oberlin Slavic Department has now reached a stage where it can be cared for by one instructor who can command both the Slavic and the English languages, which Prof. Miskovsky can now do. This releases, to my personal regret, Prof. Leadingham, who has been for years the excellent and effective head of that department, for which he was selected by Dr. Henry A. Schauffler, Sup't of the Slavic work for the A.H.M.S., who also unhesitatingly commends Prof. Leadingham as a teacher.

To any other position which Prof. Leadingham may fill he will doubtless bring the same earnestness, good judgment, scholarly ability and thoroughly Christian spirit.

Very fraternally yours,

Theo. Y. Gardner

Recd July 22.

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My Dear Sir:-

I send two additional letters relating to Prof. Leadingham. They say nothing, as you will see, concerning his facility to learn a new language, but they are very valuable testimony to his general character.

Please give me your impressions and advise whether it will be well to make any definite propositions to him. Mr. Gardner, whose letter is enclosed, has a personal acquaintance with him extending over several years and he thinks very highly of him. He also says that his wife is a lady of very many and marked excellencies.

Hoping soon to hear from you, I remain,

Yours truly,

C. R. Bliss

P. S. Please state also what salary Mr Wright receives.

C.R.B.

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Chicago, Aug. 4 1893.

Dear Dr. Clark

Yours of the 2nd is received. I do not doubt that the transfer of Mr. Haviland to El. Paso. and Mr. Wright to Mr Haviland's will be followed by good results.

I met Prof. Leadingham recently and was very favorably impressed with his appearance and conversation. He seems to be a manly, conscientious and devoted teacher and I think we would be glad, if the way were opened, to send him to the El Paso School.

The matter of economy should be considered. It may be privately said that one of the reasons why it seemed best to us to withdraw Miss Stahl arose from some lack of harmony between Mr Wright and the Stahls, Mother and daughter. I am by no means prepared to say that the blame, if there was any, rested on the shoulders of Mr. Wright, but I have thought that the affairs of the school would move more easily with Mr Haviland at the head than with Mr Wright. In view of this new arrangement of the

ed in view also of the necessity of making
uses light as possible might it not,
in your opinion, be well to re appoint Miss
Stahl. The chief reason for relieving her
g. that it would be better to employ a
man rather than a woman of course
matrons, but it may be true that quite
much burden was laid upon that con-
deration as it would bear, because of the fact
t I have stated. I noticed in my conversation
th Miss Stahl that, though she proposed
retire on that ground, she had other reasons.
If she were not to room in the building
objection of some weight would be removed.
There is no question that Mrs. Stahl the Mother was, as
matron, of great service to the students
d I think it would be quite impossible
find a Mexican woman who would fill
place so well. I should like very much
know what Mr Howland's opinion of the
employment of Miss Stahl with the possible
employment of her mother as Matron would
. I will not write him, however, but will
k you to give me your impressions.

Yours Truly

C R Bliss

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Chicago, Sept. 8th., 1893.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.,

Dear Brother:-

Your letter was received this morning. I am very glad arrangements are made by which the expenses of the school at El Paso will be kept at a low rate. The amount which we had fixed upon as likely to be needed from us for El Paso is $3000, but on account of the hard times it will be difficult for us to provide for that amount. $2600 I think will not be too high a figure. Our union with the Education Society complicates matters somewhat, but the understanding with the Directors of that Society is that our work shall be maintained at certain specified rates which we have already submitted to them. We have made quite a large reduction from those rates since they were submitted so that I think there will be no doubt that the sum of $2600 will be provided.

It will be a very excellent arrangement to have Mr. Howland come to the school and I am sure its prosperity will be not only continued but increased.

Truly yours,

C. R. Bliss

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Chicago, Oct. 4th, 1892. 189

C. Wright, Esq.,

El Paso, Texas.

y Dear Sir:--

I have just received from Mr Bliss a copy of your letter, dated ept. 9th, to Rev. N. G. Clark, also copy of your estimate of expenses for he training school for the year ending June 30th, 1893. Our Board will ppropriate $2,600.00 for their share of this expense. I have made out oucher which covers the account up to the first of Nov. You will see hat the monthly payments now should be $216.66, and that the monthly redit, on account of rent to which we are entitled, should be $62.50. I herefore enclose ~~voucher~~ receipt for the rent.

I have your letter of the 28th inst. and have just had a conversa-ion with Mr Bliss with regard to it. Mr Bliss states the understanding s that if we put a teacher in El Paso for such work as we are doing in her places that it would be at the expense of the New West alone. He tates, also, that he certainly had no such understanding as you say there s with regard to the Matron. I note what you say with regard to Mr Olds ork in the school last year. I am surprised that you take this position. Mr Olds worked for the training school there was no reason whatever y his salary should not have been divided in precisely the same manner were all the other expenses, and it is proper that you should correct is mistake even at this late date.

There is no reason whatever why every dollar expended in connec-on with the Training school at El Paso, whether it be for your salary,

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or for that of the Matron, or for any other purposes legitimate to the work, should not be included in the general list of expenses and divided equally between the societies. The New West has always been willing and glad to bear its share of this most excellent work, but the Finance Committee feels that the thing should be done in a business like manner, that all expenses should be carefully considered and borne equally. I think I can say to you that the New West will stand ready, as it did last year, to help meet the deficit, should one arise.

It occurs to me in this connection it possibly may be considered unfair for the New West to charge the rent of $750.00 on the entire year as the buildings were not completed ready for occupancy on the first day of July when the fiscal year begun. They were, however, ready at the time when needed, so that I have made the charge on the basis of the whole year If you do not consider this right please advise me and I will adjust the matter to your entire satisfaction.

Yours very truly,

Wm. H. Hubbard.

Treasurer.

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"The Advance"

Two meetings worthy of note have just taken place in the far South West. They indicate a new and interesting state of affairs in respect to the work of our denomination in that region.

For some years the American Home Missionary Society and the New West Ed.Commission have sustained work in New Mexico and Arizona, while the American Board has a mission established just across the line, in Old Mexico. This is a country of enormous distances, and the laborers in the two fields have until recently known little of each other.

But these fields have too much in common to lie side by side forever as strangers, and the work in each has now developed so that a permanent junction has finally been formed.

The Conference at El Paso, Feb.28 - Mar.1st, was one representing both home and foreign missionary interests, and its object was to complete arrangements for the establishment of the Rio Grande Congregational Training School. This institution, after more than a year of brave struggle toward existence, can now fairly claim not only name, but being. Both in origin and in object it occupies a position truly unique. In it several important missionary streams unite. Here the American Board joins hands with home societies, -notably the New West Ed.Com. and (it is to be hoped) the A.H.M.S., to found an institution not only in line with, but necessary to the advancement of the legitimate work of each society. The object of the school is to prepare Mexican young men for evangelistic labor among their own people in both countries. The Mission to North Mexico has already eight Congregational churches calling for native pastors, and the demand just begun, will increase from year to year. The home field stands in equal if not greater need. It is a fact which ought to startle the churches, that our denomination has not as yet a single man employed in distinctly evangelistic or pastoral work among the great Spanish-speaking population of the southwestern Territories.

The Rio Grande Training school is located at Ciudad Juarez, on the opposite bank of the river from El Paso, Tex. It will open next month, -April, under the charge of Rev.A.C.Wright, of the North Mexico mission. In addition to the theological department, there will be an elementary school conducted by an efficient lady teacher.

It is not expected that this institution will immediately be filled with college bred Mexican youth prepared to enter t once a theological course like that offered at Chicago or New Haven. Many will, of necessity, go forth from it ignorant of Greek and Hebrew, but it is the design that no one shall fail to receive a thorough Bible training.

Neither is it expected that many students will present themselves prepared to meet their own expenses during their course of study. Some consecrated young men will not be able, without help, to make the journey from their home to the seminary. Here will be new and choice opportunities fot friends of the Gospel to show their christian sympathy in a substantial way.

On Sunday, March 9th, one week after the El Paso meeting, there was dedicated at Hermosillo the capital of Sonora, the first congregational church edifice ever erected in Mexico. This also was an occasion of sufficient interest to call together a number of home and foreign missionaries, several of whom, in the going and returning, traveled considerably more than athousand miles, and were richly repaid.

It is less than four years since Mr. Crawford commenced work in Hermosillo, and he is the only protestant minister who has ever laborhere. His church membership is now eighteen, all recent converts, who have embraced the truth and are following it firmly, in spite of powerful opposition. The new edifice occupies a fine position in the city, and its modern, graceful figure forms a pleasing contrast to the heavy antique style of the mexican temples. It thus excites the respect and even admiration of a people religiously hostile. Mr. Eaton's sciopticon, exhibiting views in the principal cities of Christendom, and scenes in the life of our Savior, given for three evenings before the dedication, had the effect to diminish prejudice, and fill the house. As a consequence, numbers were attracted to the Sabbath services and, for the first time in their lives, listened to the Gospel in its purity. Supt. Hood, who had come all the way from Albuquerque, remarked at the close of that Sabbath day, that while he had come hoping by his presence to lend some aid, he had rather received for himself a grand inspiration which he should not fail to carry into the work on American side of the line.

Christian fellowship and cooperation of this kind is peculiarly blessed in this region where we experience comparatively so little of it.

Alden B. Case,

Parral, Mexico. March 16th, 1890.

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American Board.
Mission to Northern Mexico
Chihuahua, Sept. 18, 1890.

Rev. Dr. N. G. Clark, Sec'y

My dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 3rd inst., let me say, first, as to the "lady from Missouri", if she is Miss Kate H. Durham, we hope she will not be appointed. Some time ago she wrote a letter of application that made upon us a favorable impression. We told her she ought to apply to Dr. Alden, and instituted further inquiries. Sec'y Bliss wrote guardedly, but discouragingly; and Mr. Hood said that the New West was obliged to request her resignation. "Although a good-hearted Christian girl, she is too giddy, and always flirting with every young man in town". That satisfied us.

Meanwhile, Miss Prescott of Parral, seeing the importance of caring for this school, herself proposed to come to our aid, for a year at least, leaving a native teacher in her place, where the scholars are less advanced in their studies. She arrived Aug. 29, and took charge on the following Monday. Miss Dunning has taken the boarding department, (thus relieving Mrs. Eaton, except from teaching the pupils in music,) and seems to enjoy better health with her change of work. The two ladies keep house together, having their table in the same room with the boarders, as we have done for a year and eight months past; while Mrs. Eaton and I have fitted up a dining-room and kitchen on the other side of the house.

As to enlarged and improved accomodations for our school, they are greatly needed; and, until within a short time, we had expected to ask for early relief from the Woman's Board. But all the ladies of the station join with me in recommending that the contemplated building operations be deferred for a time, in order that a more pressing need be supplied first, if possible, - as I proceed to explain.

On the 12th of next month it will be five years since we bought the centrally located premises

now occupied by the Mission in this city; about four years that we have been holding services in the provisional chapel, arranged by removing the partition between the billiard room and the saloon, of the old-time theatre. We had hoped to be able to roof over the circular amphitheatre, to make a large auditorium in time, but found the old adobe walls not solid enough to support the weight with safety, and tore them down.

Since then we have been expecting to build a new chapel, on our present property, when the right time should come. You may remember my writing you, about three years ago, of our collecting offerings from the Mexicans for this object, and you replied approvingly, telling the story of the man in Turkey who kept a sharp look-out for the rafter he had paid for. I have tried to be patient, and bide my time, and keep our people in good heart, while the Methodists have pushed their building operations; but now feel that in justice to our work, we can not longer postpone the forward step. The other house of worship, with its little spire and a good bell, has attracted a great deal of attention. Many persons, knowing that I reached this city some four years before Mr. Kilgore, take it for granted that I built the new chapel, and go to look for me there, or send inquirers for "the Protestant Mission" to that place. Repeatedly has it happened, on my tours through the State, that gentlemen have informed me that they knew very well our place of worship, and have proceeded to describe the Meth. house! As soon as that church was finished, the attendance at meetings increased to a marked degree, and the gain has been permanent. We can rejoice in all this, for it is a gain to the Gospel work in general. But when the Methodists try to persuade some of our newer adherents to leave us for them, and even seek to draw away our church members, by saying that only they themselves have a "temple", we feel tried. They have no work outside this city to speak of; but when our church members, from other parts of the State, come to the capital on business or pleasure, they are unpleasantly surprised to find that we have not a building that looks like a house of

worship, while the others have. We have had much to say to our people in regard to the comparative unimportance of the kind of building in which a spiritual worship is offered to God; but the fact remains that the people whom we wish to reach are not attracted and impressed by our humble chapel as they would be by an edifice manifestly devoted to public worship. Indeed, we sometimes hear that people have supposed that it was a semi-private establishment, into which they had no right to enter; and this notwithstanding the name of the church is painted on the outside wall, and that for a long time we used to hang out a transparency, in the evenings, with an invitation to enter, -until we were strongly advised not to continue the practice, because the restaurants, dance-halls and small places of business do the same, practically. In the United States, even amongst the spiritually-minded, an attractive house of worship is prized; and people are not content to worship in parlors alone. In Mexico, the people are of course less able to do without such helps to devotion. The masses have been trained to take off their hats whenever they pass a church; and some do it, involuntarily or unwittingly, when they pass the Meth. house. They have never been known to do so in front of our place! We thought it a grand thing to transform the old theatre and cock-pit into a chapel and school, and break up for a time all cock-fighting on a large scale in the city. And it was a triumph. But it has had its draw-backs; for in part the old name clings to us, and I myself am often obliged to direct strangers (to us) to the "antigua plaza de gallos", or direct them to the private house back of that famous old place, that they may find my residence. The old associations have furnished to our fanatical enemies, who can not appreciate our elevated aims, an easy, convenient and somewhat effective, taunt.

Beyond all this, our present quarters are too narrow. True, the place is large enough for our ordinary Sunday congregation; but for the Bible school, with classes, it is uncomfortably small, and it is wholly inadequate for special occasions. Not to specify others, during Holy Week of this year, there was not even

standing room for those who wished to attend our special services. We need not lay great plans for "union" services with the Methodists perhaps; but we could not have union with them, except by going always to them, as we expect to do for several days early next month, when the annual conference of the Border Mission is to be held here, with the bishop presiding, and some forty ministers in attendance. I think I have made it reasonably plain that the time to build is now. Some would have said that the time was several years ago. Perhaps I have been too conservative in my ideas; or, I will say, slow.

(2.) As to location. We had expected to accommodate both chapel and school as now, on the south front of our property, which has between eighty and ninety English feet, by building at least two stories for the school. Even so the chapel would be somewhat crowded, because there is no corner lot, and the law forbids the opening of windows that overlook a neighbor's premises.

But now a remarkable opportunity presents itself. In the year 1883, after looking the city over, my first choice for building site was an ancient, and abandoned, cemetery situated near the head of the street leading up to the "alameda," and one block further up than our present chapel front. On it stood an adobe building erected by the "Sociedad Mutualista de Obreros", to whom the city had given the site, on certain conditions, but which building did not seem to be in use. Mayor Zubirán informed me that the society had no right to sell, and that the city could not sell it away from the society so long as the latter fulfilled the conditions of the gift. Then I turned to my second choice, the garden across the street, which the Board authorized me to buy, and which I offered three thousand dollars for; but the owner would not sell, (to Zubirán, my secret representative,) In less than a year's time he died, and we tried again to buy of the adult heirs; but not all would consent. In March or April of 1884, the Rev. Dr. J.A. Noble, of Chicago, was in the city, saw the property, and urged me not to lose

a chance to buy it, even if I had to pay five thousand dollars. At intervals of time since then, up to the present year, I have had hopes of acquiring a fourth part of the same garden; although now there are several small houses erected on it which would be of no use to us, and only increase the price at which the land might be bought.

Last year the governor of the State sent the troops to tear down a part of the building of the "Sociedad", in order to carry the street straight up to the alameda, and across through the large block on the other side of the alameda. The half ruin has stood desolate since then. Knowing that various unoccupied squares of the city had lately been sold to private parties for improvement, I made inquiries regarding that old cemetery, and learned a few weeks ago, that it had been sold, (or so much of it as does not fall within the new street,) for a nominal sum, according to the custom, to three gentlemen, the late mayor, Prieto, the State treasurer, Martinez, and the attorney general, Ochoa. The deed for the whole was made out to them as joint owners; and they are willing to sell, if they can get their price; which is two dollars a square "vara." But there is reason to believe that they would sell for considerably less money, as times are very hard just now in this city, the banks lending only on very good security, and at high rates. The plot is almost an exact parallelogram, measuring seventy-three "varas" long on the widened street, and on an alley back, and thirty-two varas on the alameda, as well as on the cross street nearer the center of the city. You see that it is almost all "corner lot". If I were given my pick of the city lots, meaning all those built on, my first choice would be this location, as in 1883, for a chapel; so high, a little removed from traffic, yet in sight from the main plaza and very near it, and so situated that all the carriages must drive past it on the holidays or whenever the people are out for the fresh air.

A "vara" measures three inches less than our yard; so that one-third of the land would be sufficient for the chapel. But we should probably have to pay

ore in proportion for a part than for the whole of the plot in question. We ould sell such part as we did not want, to foreign residents for a site for dwell-ng or dwellings. I am decidedly in favor of negociating for the purchase of the hole.

(3). Now as to style and cost of building. Wood is never used here. Adobe ight answer; it certainly would for comfort; but a better building would be more n keeping with such a location. I had thought of picking up the loose stones f the field, and laying them in mortar; but am informed that this would cost more han to use the abundant and soft stone of this vicinity, which is the material f our public buildings, the Roman Catholic churches, four banks, several stores, and he fronts of many private houses, besides all four walls of several such houses. he new quarters for the State troops are built of stone, with a front of brick rimmed with stone. But the brick is very poor, and probably cost more than the tone.

This is the largest city of the State, as well as the capital, and at the eographical center. It is the most progressive one on the line of the Mexican entral R.R., new buildings going up every year, modern improvements being intro-uced each year. The last was one hundred arc lights for illuminating our streets, e electric plant having been set up in Sept. of last year. We must put up a espectable building, or be left behind. I suppose the roof had better be of gal-nized iron, with a wooden ceiling inside, to protect from the heat. A tower and ell will be almost indispensable. It is too soon to give careful estimates; but suppose that not less than six thousand dollars Mexican silver would be re-ired; and now the rate of exchange does not favor us very much; only nine per nt at last accounts. In Mexico City the Baptists spent $25,000 in a brick ch., d in Saltillo from $8,000 to $10,000. It is two years since they promised me come here and establish themselves at an early day. They have already occu-

pied several points on the way hither. In the City, a year and a half ago the No. Methodists spent about $25,000 in building a new front to their large property, and remodelling the residence portion. You know something of what the Presbyterians have done.

No allowance need be made for furniture, as we have a nice black walnut pulpit, and the congregation will buy additional benches or chairs; and we will manage the lighting. We want no carpets, nor furnaces. We have a small stove for the few cold days, and can easily get a bigger one ourselves.

With the savings of the Mexican congregation for this object, and some unsolicited gifts from friends, I have on hand $900 (nine hundred,). I feel perfectly safe in promising one thousand dollars more, and the bell, from relatives and personal friends; -you understand, without any appeals to societies or churches. The Board may withhold it from my salary, during one year from the time we begin the effort to raise the money. Indeed, I think I should raise, here and there, not less than two thousand dollars, instead of one, making, say, three thousand dollars in all, besides the bell, to become the property of the Board, who would own the land.

Under this pressing need, and in these remarkably favorable circumstances, what is the Board willing to do? Will it purchase the land, to start with; or some part of it, if it can be obtained? How much will it grant towards the edifice?

And please let it be remembered that in buying the land, we are dealing with Mexicans, who usually can not be depended upon to fix a price, and adhere to it for a reasonable length of time. We have to take them when the mood is on, and keep our plans and purposes in the back-ground as much as possible. I might get them to agree to terms to-day, and after waiting two weeks to hear from you, might find them indisposed to sell, or determined to demand a higher price, when they had learned, or suspected, that a Miss'y Soc'y wished to buy.

You see the bearing of all this upon the matter of building for the school.

If we build, where we are (the new chapel), a certain adjustment of the two buildings must be determined upon. If we build on the new lot, all of our present front may be reserved for the school, if so desired; and then the plans would be different in important respects.

The rainy season is nearly over, and building could be undertaken soon, if plans were made, and funds provided. Often our winters are so mild, that building goes on through the year; although the Spring is more favorable for work by the day, and better for the contractors of course, in this land where the length of the "labor day" varies according to the rising of the sun.

Our appeal may reach you at an unfavorable time, on the eve of the great meeting in Minneapolis; but we beg that its thoughtful consideration be not deferred, lest we lose what seems to us here like a most wonderful opportunity to secure the vantage ground which we longed to hold more than seven years ago, and to resume the moral and spiritual leadership in the Protestant community, which the activity in building of the So. Methodists has been taking from us.

An additional reason for seeking another site for the new chapel, has been furnished this week, in the renting of the property across the street from our present place of worship, to an American, for a livery stable. Many workmen are already employed in making the necessary changes in the premises, and the lease is for one year, or as many as the lessee may desire. He already has a large number of horses and carriages, is running the 'bus for the new Palace hotel, and is to rent 'busses to other hotels, and furnish delivery wagons to commercial houses.

At one side of us, also, is a small yard, which he himself told me he expected to rent for storing carriages, whenever the growth of his business should call for it. This will not necessarily annoy our school, although it is liable to; but you see in what a situation it puts our chapel.

I make no apology for the length of this letter, because of the great importance of the matter of which it treats, although I regret the demands upon your

time and strength which it must occasion, and at a juncture when it may be quite inconvenient to devote so much attention to the subject.

Hoping and praying that we may receive an early, and favorable, response to our appeal, which would seem to bring fulfillment to our earnest desires and expectations of years ago, and which would infuse new spirit and courage into the hearts of our native brethren, and into those of all of our missionaries as well, I remain,

Yours, in the hopes and joys of the Gospel,

James D. Eaton.

We heartily endorse the points made by Mr. Eaton in his appeal, an outline of which was submitted to us for our consideration before he wrote this letter. ——

Mary Dunning
Nellie Prescott.

INVITACION

AL ILUSTRADO CLERO DE ESTA CIUDAD.

"Y esperándolos Pablo en Atenas, su espíritu se deshacía en él, viendo la ciudad dada á la idolatría" (*Actos Apostólicos 17, 6.*)

Los infrascritos, ministros evangélicos, respetuosamente invitamos al clero de esta ciudad pase á ocupar el púlpito de alguno de nuestros templos evangélicos y se digne predicar sus doctrinas á fin de comvencernos de lo errado de las nuestras. Esperamos de la proverbial generosidad de dicho clero, nos sea permitido tambien predicar en alguno de los templos romanos las doctrinas que creemos y enseñamos.

Si por no permitir que vuestro pùlpito lo ocupe un ministro evangélico, os negais à nuestra proposición; no sea esto el motivo de escusa; pasad con franqueza à ocupar el nuestro.

Si de alguna manera nos honrais, por nuestra parte ofrecemos para vuestra satisfacción y la del público que nos escuche, que nuestras predicaciones serán basadas en la Biblia Católica, Apostólica, Romana, que es la autoridad de vuestra iglesia.

No se crea, que nuestro objeto es provocar dificultades, ni lastimar las creencias de nadie. Si á nosotros se nos ha juzgado mal, y gratuitamente se nos insulta y desprecia, queremos justificar nuestra causa con la Biblia en la mano.

Predicamos el Evangelio tal como consta en ese venerado Libro, y creemos que ningún hombre tiene autoridad de enseñar como artículo de fé, doctrinas contrarias á los mandamientos del Señor.

Received from Rev. J. D. Eaton
April 8, 1890.

La Iglesia de Roma presume tener sus doctrinas fundadas en esa misma autoridad, en ese mismo Libro.

La Iglesia Evangélica sostiene, que sus doctrinas viven y se alimentan de las Sagradas Escrituras. ¿Cómo es entonces, que reconociendo un mismo fundamento, la una condena como doctrina subversiva, la qué la otra enseña como divina? No es lógico conceder por buenos dos principios que se contradicen: si la Iglesia de Roma es la verdadera de Jesucristo, deja de serlo la Protestante.

La buena fé que nos inspira la religión que profesamos, nos hace llamar con nuestra trémula voz la atención del ilustrado pueblo de esta ciudad, para que si se interesa en conocer á fondo esa misma religión, ocurra á nuestros cultos, y será bien recibido.

Esta oportunidad nos permite decir una vez más, que el Papa no es infalible, ni vicario de Jesucristo; que los sacerdotes no tienen poder de perdonar pecados, ni conceder indulgencias; los santos no se aparecen ni mucho menos hacen milagros; y otras mil supersticiones que Roma enseña, se pierden en la densa oscuridad que tras su paso deja la claridad del Evangelio, abriendo nuevos horizontes al mundo moral, á la civilización y al progreso.

Aceptad, Señores Sacerdotes, nuestra cordial invitación, os lo suplicamos por amor al Evangelio y á nuestros semejantes.

Si teneis la convicción de que estamos en un error, venid á cumplir con vuestro deber.

Chihuahua, Marzo 30 de 1890.

Samuel G. Kilgore. Domingo F. Acosta.

Santiago D. Eaton.

The Flood at Juarez.

A few weeks ago it rained at Juarez. It is generally supposed that Mexico is a country of little rain, but this time we were convinced that it was also a country of big rains. The people are not prepared for heavy rains here. They dig ditches and build canals for carrying the water to their fields and gardens, but they have no gutters or sewers for conducting the water away after a rain. Their houses, too, are not adapted for big rains. They build them of dried mud, and they do very well for the hot sunshine but when surrounded by water they melt down like sugar. So when the "flood" came it did a good deal of damage. The water which fell on the mountain sides, and among the foothills, came pouring down

through the city to find a way to the river. It filled the streets and in many places began to pour in at the doors and windows. The people had to hurry out, carrying with them what things they could, and as the mud walls became wet, they began to fall, and the heavy flat roofs to tumble in. House after house became a pile of ruins, until scores of families were made homeless. Most of the damage was done on the other side of the railroad from where we were living, and for a time the railroad embankment kept the water back. However it soon found its way through the culverts, and little by little began to creep up to the doors of the church. The picture represents the water when it was highest. The floors were

all covered with water several inches deep, and at the corner of the street under the trees it was over four feet deep. In the foreground of the picture you can see the water pouring over the street car track.

Perhaps you think it rather a strange looking church, but it does not seem so here. The Mexicans think it a very fine building for it is made of adobe and built very much as they build their houses. We are glad to be able to rent such a building, and especially so since it is situated near the river and therefore so near El Paso that many can attend our church services from there.

The corner room is the one we use for services, and the inscription over the door tells all who pass that "This is the Church of the Divine ~~Salva~~ Savior". The rest of the building

used for school purposes. In one
arge room we have a day-school which
attended by ~~Spanish~~ Mexican boys
nd girls from both Juarez and El Paso.
The office is at the front where
ou see the word "Oficina". The other
ords mean "School of Elementary Edu-
tion for Boys and Girls."
But the building is used for still
another purpose. Here is the
Rio Grande Congregational Training
chool, where Mexican young men
re studying for the ministry. They
oom and board and study in
ifferent parts of this building, and
e hope that they are going to do
trong and faithful work among the
our people of Mexico. The people
are anxious to hear the gospel, and
there are dozens of places, in this
ne state of Chihuahua, where young
inisters are needed and wanted.

and where great good could be done if we only had them educated and ready to go.

But you are waiting to hear the result of the flood, and wondering how the children and young men can study with so much water over the floor. The water went down the next day and although many other houses were destroyed ours did not fall. The building was damaged somewhat, and the walls settled considerably, still, after two or three weeks, the building could be used, and now church and school are being carried on with much success.

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American Board.
Mission to Northern Mexico
Chihuahua, Oct.13,1890.

.N.E.Clark,Sec'y

Boston,Mass.

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We desire to express,through you,to the Prudential Committee,our sense great importance of securing a suitable house of worship for the church city of Chihuahua. You have already received information,through Mr. s letter of Sept.18th,of a remarkably favorable opportunity which is pre- ,for the purchase of one of the very best pieces of ground in the city,dis- only one block from the Mission premises. We are now able to report that est third of the land described in his letter,on the side nearest the main a lot measuring fifty-eight English feet front on Independence Avenue,by -nine feet in depth on Obreros st.,and fifty-eight feet wide at the back on row street or alley, can be secured for about one thousand and fifty dollars, 50.00) Mexican silver.

The city of Chihuahua is making such rapid strides in the erection of sub- ial edifices,that we must put up something respectable,if we build at all. ative brethren have been making their offerings to this object for several past;but the gathering is slow,as none of them can give large sums;and we that the proposed building of a more commodious church should be no longer ed. We have been relatively losing ground in the city referred to,since o.Methodists built their church,with its tower and bell,two years ago,with- aiting even to raise a dollar from the Mexicans.

But the lot we have in mind is far superior to that of the So.Methodists he purposes of a church; and we feel sure that the erection of such a build- over the graves of the city's earliest inhabitants,in the ancient "campo ",-cemetery,-of San Felipe,) would profoundly impress the public, and give to us the leading position amongst the

Protestants, which has been somewhat impaired by the vigorous competition in building, of another mission.

Rev. Samuel G. Kilgore, who founded that mission, now says that he tried to get the entire piece of ground, to which this letter refers, for his church, and that he offered $2500 for it, but without success. He paid $2000 for the land he occupies with church and residence, and put up an "adobe" building, sixty feet by twenty-eight (including lecture-room,) that has not a cubic foot of stone trimmings, not even a stone base, but which cost him $3000 silver, -such is the expense of building in this country, owing to freight and "duties" on materials.

We unite in making the earnest recommendation that the Board purchase the lot referred to, and grant the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars ($2500) for the building, in addition to what may be secured by Mr. Eaton on the ground, and from personal friends.

Hoping to receive a favorable response to our appeal, we subscribe ourselves

Your Yoke-fellows in His Service,

Alden B. Case.
Otis C. Olds.
A. C. Wright.
James D. Eaton.

Boston, Nov. 11, 1890.

Committee on Papal Lands.

The Committee on Papal lands beg leave to report after having read the letters and correspondence submitted to them and agree in the following report:

That we purchase the land referred to in the letter of Mr. Eaton and recommended by the mission, at an expense not exceeding ten hundred and fifty dollars, ($1050.) and we also recommend that an appropriation for the church building be made, of twenty-five hundred dollars, ($2500.) this sum to be supplemented by collections to be secured by Mr. Eaton and others in Mexico or elsewhere.

Respectfully submitted,

G. Henry Whitcomb
J. J. Ropes

Com'tee on Papal Lands

For the "Missionary Herald."

A Good Fight Ended.

Our church has lost one of its first members, and we all mourn for dear old Don Pedro who has struggled so hard to keep the faith, and who has gone to receive his crown.

We had been here but a few months when an old white haired man began to be seen in the back seat of our service room, brought there by his two sons who dropped in one day as they were passing and were interested in the new doctrine of the Protestants.

I have never seen a Mexican who accepted the "glad tidings" more eagerly than Don Pedro, or one who seemed to be so completely changed in heart and life. He was never absent from a public service - at every prayer meeting his earnest prayers and his heart-felt confessions of sin stirred all our hearts to deeper consecration, and he worked daily to seek out absent members, to visit the fallen and encourage the faint hearted. He had never learned to read - but now he felt that he must be able to read his precious Bible himself - so he got a primer and began to

study. Soon he became able to pick out a few words - and as he said, he loved to read over and over again "God," "Jesus Christ" and the dear familiar words we all know. Morning, noon and night one could see him with his old spectacles on - poring over his large print Bible - so absorbed that he would never look up until we called his name; and in time he learned to read very well, though he was always rather shy about doing so in public.

When it came his turn to take charge of the weekly prayer meeting he would ask some friend to read for him - and then he would take up verse after verse from memory and so plain in such a quaint, earnest way that it never failed to make a deep impression.

He had been a very hard drinker before his conversion - but he gave it up entirely and for years never tasted a drop of liquor. He was especially fitted to work for those who had the same habit that he had given up, and if any member of the church fell into temptation, Uncle Pedro was always the first to go and labor and pray with him, and finally bring him back into the fold.

But trials began to come thick and fast - and
on Don Pedro found the way dark before
him. Work became more and more scarce,
and he could not sell rebozos enough to
keep his family from hunger, though he
tried one so hard. His pastor tried to find
work for him and many and many one
the ways he invented to provide some work
to help him on the worst times, but there were
many others who needed the same help and
his share was small. ~~Finally~~ Then his
eldest-son who had worked in the mission
printing office for several years, became
impatient of restraint and finally refused
to work any longer, and went home for his
old father to support. This was a very hard blow
to his father who had hoped that he would
study for the ministry, and it seemed as if
he could not bear it. It was sad to
see him as he sat with his white-head bowed
in his hands - and to hear him say - "Now, it seems
I must take some more again to forget my
sorrow"

But he struggled along barely for some

time longer - hoping for the help of his other
son who had been given a position of importance
in another city - but alas, he too, proved unworthy
of confidence and went away like the
prodigal son of old. When the news was
brought to the old man, he was heart-broken.
All attempt at consolation was in vain,
and his white, set face was pitiful to see.
At this trying time an old companion offered
him a glass of tequila - and he took it.
Then the slumbering demon was awakened and
and poor Don Pedro was no longer master of
himself. For three weeks he drank heavily, and
was not free from liquor long enough to
realize what he was doing. In his intervals
of consciousness he would come to the
Mission house - and ask his pastor to pray
for him - and then in a few minutes the
craving would return and he would rush
from the house in spite of every effort to
detain him.
At last he came to Mr. Howland and
begged that he might be shut up in the
house until he could gain control of himself
again. "I shall beg to go and shall try to
get away - but don't let me" - he pleaded.

So he was given a back room - the doors were all locked - and the struggle began. It was terrible to witness - and we prayed for his life. By the ~~advice~~ consent of a physician he was given small doses of ammonia instead of the wine is customary to give here in similar cases, and after three days the dear old man was able to walk about the house. He paced back and forth in the patio for another day, and then said he was ready to return to his home. He was conquered - but his spirit was broken. Never again would he venture to ~~speak~~ exhort in public - but sometimes would offer a humble prayer.

It was harder than ever before to keep from drinking, but he did not yield again.

His physical strength began to fail, however, and six months after his fall, he began to have heart trouble - and one night he was suddenly called Home -

He was so happy to go! He called his family about him and commended them to God's loving care, left a loving message to absent friends - and said that he was in perfect peace. While his hands were

laid his blessing upon his daughter's head they suddenly relayed and he was gone.

Many came to look at his peaceful face - and all the church mourned for him - but we could not feel but what it was best. How thankful we now that he died a conqueror and would receive the crown promised to "him that overcometh".

Dear Don Pedro - His life showed what the Gospel can do when it takes full possession of a heart. Shall we not feel encouraged to labor on?

Mexico (Miss letters)

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ANOTHER CHAPEL.

"In order to attend our late Conference in Chihuahua, the delegate from San Buenaventura, Deacon Teófilo Romero, came one hundred and sixty miles and remained through the entire week. When the report from his little church was called for, he came forward modestly and read it from a small sheet of paper. He is a man of few words and very quiet manner; but he caused quite a sensation when, after a few sentences about the small congregation that meets in his own house, and without any attempt at emphasis, he continued: 'By an item which appeared in our paper, The Witness, all know of my purpose to build a house of prayer, a chapel, such as my means may allow. The work is already begun, the walls having reached the height of nine feet. The building measures thirty feet by sixty, and its location could not be better, as it is very central and near the Roman church and the principal square. The necessary lumber has been cut, and a part of it dressed and brought from the mountain. The front doors and a side door are finished. The site measures one hundred and sixty-five feet by eighty-two; and my wish is that the income from the property may be for the support and furtherance of the Gospel. I hope to build more rooms, besides the three which were bought with the land; and when these can be put in order for renting, they will yield wherewith to satisfy my desire.' In the same low tone of voice the good deacon continued to read of the acceptable work of one of our theological students who spent the last summer vacation with them, and of the organization of a society of Christian Endeavor.

"In his moving address which followed, given through an interpreter, Dr. E.B. Webb did not fail to make use of the interesting incident; and he afterwards remarked, in private, that it was a most impressive event, -the telling, by a plain man, and in so quiet a way, of a work undertaken by himself, that is to be of great importance to his townsmen, and that should inspire with fresh hope and courage all

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those who labor and pray for the coming of the Kingdom in this land."

~~James O. Eaton.~~

~~Chihuahua, Mexico, April 29, 1922.~~

Another letter

Chihuahua Apr 29 1922

Chihuahua Apr 28.

A FEW DAYS WITH THE MISSIONARIES OF THE PARRAL FIELD.

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On a Saturday in early February we arrive at San Isidro de Las Cuevas, commonly called "Las Cuevas" (The Caves). Here is the "Church of the Christian Pilgrims", the dedication of which an account was given in the April number of the Missionary Herald. We know that some of our friends read between the lines something of the sacrifices which this building had cost; of how the missionary family left their home in Parral, came here, and lived for six months in a little house with earth floor, in order to start the enterprise and encourage the brethren to persistent effort; of how the missionary went into the fields and helped husk their corn, that they might the sooner go with him to the mountains for the timber.

But to return to that day in February. Some ten months have passed since the foundation stones were laid, and the missionaries now reside in Allende, another out-station 20 miles from Parral. For long weeks before the church of "The Christian Pilgrims" was dedicated the husband and father was obliged to leave his family alone in this hostile village, in order to direct in the finishing and furnishing of the new chapel. The dedicatory services took place the Sunday previous to this Saturday of our visit, and the eight days meetings are drawing to a close. Mr. Eaton, our nearest missionary brother, who lives 200 miles away, and who came to assist in these services, has returned home, but the meetings continue with interest unabated. Mr. Case has come home to Allende, on a flying trip, for his wife, who has not yet seen the completed church, and after hasty preparations we are off. - It is now Sabbath morning, and the bell is calling the worshipers to the first service. As we sit facing the large congregation and see the pleasure and pride of all in their beautiful new house, as we read the eager interest in every face while the service advances, then as we recall how all these faces were turned from us and our religion in fear and hatred only three and one-half years ago, tears of gratitude to God fill our eyes. The church membership here is now 71.

Returning from Las Cuevas we must stop for an appointment at the Sombreretillo ranch. Here a congregation of 50 to 70 greets the pastor on his visits once in two weeks. Of these 20 have already joined the Parral and Cuevas churches.

We are now at our Allende home. This is a village of 4,000 people. On Friday evenings a small congregation gathers to hear the Word. As yet but little light illumines the darkness. On three consecutive days of "Holy Week" there was a cry of "murder" on our streets. What wonder that our little boy asked in horror, "Mamma, when can we leave this place ?"

We will choose Easter Sunday for a visit to Parral, our cen-

tral station. At break of day some fifty believers are gathered for a service of praise. A mass of blossoms of the pure white waxy palma almost hides the pulpit. Old and young bring flower offerings and the house soon fills with fragrant breath of holy joy.

At ten A.M. comes sunday-school, with an attendance of 60, and later an object sermon for the children. For a year this little church has gone on bravely alone, keeping up all meetings with only occasional visits from the missionary. Since its organization five years ago eighty-nine members have been received on confession of faith. Less than half of these, however, have their residence in the city at present. The missionary family anticipate with much pleasure their return here in the near future, and also to the home-coming of Miss Prescott from Chihuahua. No small part of the pleasure comes from the thought of a permanent home in Mission property recently purchased.

"Our Zaragoza out-station is 50 miles north of Parral, and can only be visited once in three months. Going over, we stop for the night at the "Holy Cross" ranch. In years past this was an unfriendly place, but now some 50 or 60 come out to the services.

Arriving at Zaragoza word flies to all the brethren that "Señor Alden has come", and before he has had time to wash off the dust from his tour he is surrounded by a throng eager to salute their pastor. Two or three days of visitation and meetings follow. The crying need here is a settled pastor. This need we hope our Juarez Training School will soon supply. The church roll has counted 35 members.

We have seen now the central station, three out-stations and two ranches regularly visited. There remain four other large ranches in which we have believers, and where meetings are regularly sustained by the people themselves on each Lord's Day and also on one week-day evening. Besides places already mentioned, there are several large villages of from 800 to 1500 inhabitants, belonging to the Parral field, but in which no evangelical work is being done, excepting when visited by Mr. Case on rare occasions. Do you wonder that he often wishes he were "multiplied by ten"?"

Allende, Mexico May 4th, 1892.

Mrs. Alden B. Case.

Hermosillo Mexico Dec. 22d 1891.

Rev. N. G. Clark
Langdon S. Ward Esq.
Hersydson Smith
Corp. Hanover & Somerset St. Boston

Honored friends

Pardon me for writing with a pencil It tires me much less than using a pen & I am not strong.

I have nothing special to communicate, but at this season when our good wishes flow out spontaneously to all our friends I would like to send upon my share of salutations. Some one says he loves to live in the hearts of the dead. I can love it must be pleasant for you to think of the warm love each of you has in many hearts, in many lands.

I have not forgotten your

kindness in days past to my li
& to me. I have long been in the
habit of praying that you & yo
associates of the Prudential Co
mittee may have strength & wisdo
given you. I trust I may wish f
each of you as John did for the
well beloved Gaius, that you m
prosper & be in health even a
your souls prosper. I am sure
may offer for you these Bene
titions which Paul offered for
Thessalonians, 1 Thess. 5:23. I thi
an important request for those
are approaching life's decision (
me dear Dr Smith!) is that they
be able to so husband the st
still remaining to be at les
still to the world. I do ask th
each of you.

I have been here two
The change of living was m
more of a tax on my little

then I expected & I feared at first
I should be obliged to return to my
lovely California. But I am thank-
ful indeed to feel now about as
well as usual. We have rented
our house in Oakland until next
July 1st & I hope to remain here as
long as my children think it wise
to do so next summer. I am enjoying
much with them. Think the work
they have accomplished here quite
creditable to them. I do greatly wish
they could secure a lady teacher for their
school. One could do such a good
work & be very happy in it. The
idea of existing in the school
room which my daughter taught
not to have.

I at first thought this the most
barren part of God's creation
but I have seen that the trials
are much greater here than those
we had in Micronesia. Hattie

assures me this is only because I am old & feeble now, & spoiled by "soft living"! Things look so different to me now from what they did that I suspect she must be right!

I see the wisdom of your plan having the salary proportioned to expense of living. It costs me more to live here than in the country. Mr Crawford has now a neat, cheap & convenient dwelling house for a missionary & the school. I can now only gather the facts I ended once about them! For all they are most earnestly worthy of praying for.

I think you Dr Clark don't quite understand what a dear little namesake you have here. The youngest child in this family is William Clark Crawford. He is nearly six months old, very

8 pounds, & with his bright blue
eyes & ready smile wins all hearts
Fortunately for him his mother
has never had time to give him
much attention, but after supply-
ing his necessities leaves him to
his own resources. He accepts
thus fully the situation, & seems
quite willing to "paddle his own
canoe." When put off on the bed
alone he takes his little thumb
& puts himself to sleep. If no one
speaks to him when he wakes,
he sometimes drops off again, or
laughs & coos & is happy until, as
we all think endurance ceases
to be a virtue, when he lifts up
his voice of thunder so vigorously
that one or two are sure to rush
to the rescue, when the cloud at
once lifts, & the sweet smile returns.
When he was but five months
old he rows, as the children say

"too funny" to see him stick
little head like a seal, + expe
nerve + muscle in effort to
It is too cold for him to be
floor now, or he would no
soon creep. But we think th
needs to be repressed rather th
stimulated, + we encourag
long quiet sleeps. On the s
Wm. Clark Crawford is a n
sake of whom any man
now be proud whatever
years may bring.

I am sure you, dear Dr. L
will rejoice to hear that my
Julie seems to have found
vocation. She is a successfu
Kintergartener - has a plea
little school of wee ones, in
Lido Cal. + will, we hope, re
there till June. I am glad
did not come here. Society
a necessity for her.

To Mexico

40	cents	El Tempo given to Rev J G Hall	Brownsville
70	"	" " Miss Anna E Dysart	do
25	"	" " Rev J D Eaton	Chihuahua
10	"	" " Miss A P Norman	San Luis Potosi
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A Vacation Tour.

It is three years since I have had the privilege of visiting the field from which we came to begin this Training School for Mexican evangelists, and it was with pleasure that I availed myself of the days during which Mr. Eaton was delivering a course of lectures to the students, and of the holiday week and the Week of Prayer following, to accept the invitation of Mr. Olds to accompany him on a trip to visit the churches and brethren in that very extended field. I was absent sixteen days and travelled 940 miles, 490 being by buggy.

The one thing in which I could see most plainly the advance made during these years was in the extension of the work into so many small places and ranches. It is a country of magnificent distances, and one may travel for hours without passing a house or speaking to an individual, but during the whole trip not a night was spent without a public service or private conversation with individuals interested in religion, except two when we were obliged to camp out in the hills, until 11 o'clock or later. Formerly the trip would have been limited to a long journey to two or three points where there were groups of believers; now there are believers or friends in almost all of the towns and haciendas along the road.

Another impressive fact is the faithfulness of those early converts. I either saw or heard directly from nearly every one of the

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little band gathered around us in Cusihuiriachic more than four years ago, and many of the meetings were most affecting. In view of the persecution and the temptation which they have endured, their faithfulness is strong proof of the genuineness of the work of the Spirit in their hearts.

The public services held were inspiring both to them and to us. We both preached in these services, and we held 11 in all, with a total attendance of 455, the highest at any one being 125. The first was at Namiquipa, which we reached after four days on the road, and where work was begun only six months ago, by one of the graduates of this school of last year. While he has had no full converts as yet, and has been unable to gather a regular congregation, he has done very faithful work in conversations in the homes of the people, and has gained the warm friendship of the whole community, so that he was able to gather us the largest audience that we had. Not less than 125 ~~being~~ packed so closely that there was scarce room to move in the large room of his house, and they listened with that rapt attention which makes its emotion felt by speaker as well as hearer. We spoke alternately in explanation of views of the life of Christ given by a Magic Lantern, and the service lasted from 7:30 until 11:30 at night. So deep was the interest that the people ~~xxx~~ could hardly be induced to leave even then.

Of the many other interesting meetings I can only mention those

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in Guerrero, where a faithful brother, a showmaker, and his most devotedly christian wife have been able to lead over 20 souls to the Savior. We were privileged to receive 10 to church membership, while others were absent, and there are in all 18 more to be received at the next opportunity. The grand old Gospel is more precious to me and more real, when I am permitted to take part in such blessed meetings, and I hope that I may often have the opportunity.

On my return, also, I was greeted with the news of the faithful work of the students in public and private services during my absence, and last Sunday we received five new ones to our church here. While I am writing this, two bands of students ~~of~~ four in each are taking the evening hour to direct cottage prayermeetings, one across the river in old Mexico, and the other here. May the Lord ever keep them in touch with work for the Master!

A. C. Wright.

El Paso, Texas - 1/24 - 99.

For the "Missy Herald".

The Mexico Mission is sorely ~~tried~~ afflicted in the death, April 3, after but a brief illness, of the Rev. Matthew A. Crawford. Admirably equipped for service by his marriage to the daughter of a foreign missionary, as well as by his own experience on the home field, he began work in Guadalajara in 1882, in company with Messrs. Howland and Bissell. While there he constructed a chapel at the out-station of Tlacomulco. Four years later he supplied the Chihuahua station for a few months on his way to Sonora, which he was the first Protestant missionary to occupy. Taking up his residence at the capital, Hermosillo, he was able soon to gather about himself a little company of believers; and within a little more than three years he had the joy of completing a commodious house of worship, built by the gifts of personal friends, and erected upon one of the principal avenues of the city.

Mr. Crawford was born in

Scotland, and in his uncompromising hostility to error and firm advocacy of the truth, showed the sturdy character of his ancestry, while he knew how to win the affection of all classes of people with whom he came in contact. Many citizens who had not attended his church, reverently followed his body to its last resting-place.

It is a mysterious providence which removes such a one, in the prime of life, from his associates in the work, from the congregations that called him "pastor", and from a family of little ones. Who comes to snatch the banner from the hand of the fallen, and carry it on to glorious triumph?

James D. Eaton.

Hermosillo, Mexico,
April 14. 1894.

Chihuahua, México, June 13, 1894.

The annual meeting of the mission which has just been held in this city was noteworthy in several particulars. The loss of two ordained men from our small number was keenly felt; Mr. Case having been obliged by ill health to retire to California almost a year ago; and the other, Mr. Crawford, having been recently called away from earth. There was a special service held in his memory, at which the principal events in his life in Mexico, up to his triumphant death, were recalled by several speakers.

But on the other hand, the attendance of ladies was larger than ever before, owing to the departure of several on furlough for the United States; and we were fortunate in having with us an official representative of the Board in the person of Dr. Daniels. He was able to remain five days, attending all of the business meetings during that time, making a public address through an interpreter one evening, giving a charming talk at a social gathering of missionaries and other foreign residents on Saturday afternoon, preaching on Sunday to nearly sixty English-speaking people, and assisting at the celebration of the Lord's Supper when twelve members were received to the Mexican church, seven of them on confession. His ready yet discriminating sympathy and his wise counsel were received gratefully by all. His visit brought immediate blessing, and doubtless the later results will be no less beneficial.

The additions to the churches have been rather smaller than usual; but the educational work has prospered, including the training school in El Paso; the debts on the attractive church buildings in Chihuahua and Guadalajara have been lifted; and in view of the appointment of one new man and the probable commissioning of another, to fill vacancies, we turn hopefully to the future, expecting larger spiritual results by the blessing of God.

It was felt that steps should be taken toward the establishment at an early day of schools for boys, and that the basis of the school in El Paso should at

once be broadened to include studies preparatory to the training for the ministry, and thus to encourage more young men to seek an education, from amongst whom more careful selection might be made of those showing aptitude for directly Christian work. Our most pressing need is that of educated and consecrated native preachers and pastors, to care for the churches already organized, and to carry the gospel to many people who are practically ignorant of it.

The constitution of the mission was modified to bring it into line with the demands of the new Handbook for Missions and Missionaries. But as from the beginning we have encouraged and expected the lady missionaries to vote on all questions coming before us, it seems to the most of us like a long step backward to deprive them of the suffrage, except "in the consideration of questions touching woman's work", and even then to permit only the unmarried ladies to vote. In this mission all of the wives are active workers, some of them even in the day schools, and several of them are supported as missionaries, by auxiliaries at home.

The new rule of the Board is presumably a wise one for the large missions occupying populous districts. But some of us are separated from the rest by enormous distances; no station has more than one man; and the annual meeting is the only time when some of the missionaries can meet their associates. It is therefore a very important means for unifying our interests and enabling us to move forward as an organization. No one objects to the placing of some limit to the sending of delegates to the annual meeting, so that the central points shall have no advantage over the more distant ones; but it would fall in better with the theory and practice of this mission, were each station allowed to send a scond delegate, when it has more than three missionaries and assistant missionaries, making no distinction as to sex, either in the constituency or the voting powers of the delegates, though doubtless the ordained man of the station would always be sent as the delegate when but one was allowed.

The sessions for business were not allowed to encroach upon the time set apart for cultivating the devotional spirit, and the public meetings were largely attended, to the evident profit of those who participated in them."

James D. Eaton

National Sunday School Convention.

Some fear had been expressed lest this convention, coming so soon after the great conference on the "Holy Spirit" in Toluca, might suffer from comparative neglect. But in both numbers and enthusiasm it was a gain over the one of last year; and there was manifested a delightfully fraternal spirit, which doubtless had received a marked impulse from the meeting under the lead of Mr. Moody.

The American and Mexican representatives of most of the denominations at work in this country spent a part of five days, June ~~seven~~ 7 to ~~eleven~~ 11, in the progressive city of San Luis Potosí, discussing the practical topics which usually find a place on the program of such assemblies. On Saturday afternoon a dozen selected ladies and gentlemen were taught the lesson for the next day, in order that they might instruct an equal number of classes in "model" schools in the Methodist and Presbyterian churches.

But the most valuable feature of the assembly, and one which had not been planned for by the committee of arrangements, was the sunrise prayer-meeting, conducted each day by the Rev. Arcadio Morales of Mexico City, who has developed notable gifts as a Bible reader and leader of devotional services. This intelligent Presbyterian has all the fervor of a Methodist, and some think he is plainly called to exercise the office of an evangelist amongst the churches of different names in this land. On the last day many persons testified to the signal spiritual blessing they had received through these early meetings for study, conference and prayer.

Advantage was taken of the convention for gathering together the friends of "Christian Endeavor"; and these held two public rallies, and effected a national organization, which adopted as its official organ "El Testigo" ["The Witness"], our paper published in Guadalajara, and which for a long time has had a "C.E." department, the only one provided in the republic. It is expected

that in Zacatecas next year will gather not only the friends of Christian Endeavor, but also representatives of the Epworth League and the Baptist Association for Christian Youth.

It seems to be the general feeling that a brighter day is dawning for Mexico, as the workers of different names are coming into closer fellowship, and all recognizing as never before, their dependence upon the power of the Holy Spirit.

James D. Eaton.

Chihuahua, Mexico, June 19, 1895.

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~~The Students of the~~

(#) Rio Grande Congregational Training School.

The object of this school is to train Mexicans for the ministry among their own people. The men who come are those whom the different missionaries have recommended, selecting the brightest and most spiritually minded of those in their fields, and we always desire that they be known and tested for some time before coming here.

As there are no preparatory schools for boys in this Mission, this school must take up a good deal of the work which would ~~naturally~~ be expected of them; and as very often good men for the work are converted too late in life to go through a full course of study, we have admitted several such to a short course of special Bible study and then sent them out as evangelists. So we have students of all ages from fourteen to forty-five, and all studies, from elementary arithmetic and geography to theology and homiletics; and training is also given in the carpenter shop and the printing office.

Until the present year ~~we~~ there have been two American teachers in the school, but we are now to try the experiment of having only the director aided by two of the graduates of the school. These, with the help of the students, conduct the services of two churches, one in El Paso, and one in Ciudad Juárez, keeping up from ten to fourteen religious services a week besides those of the school.

That the work is a practical one, already giving fruit, is seen in that nine men who have been in the institution for a longer or shorter term of study are now acceptably preaching to various Mexican congregations, and the school has been in existence only five years. ~~I have~~ Just happened upon a note made four years ago in regard to a candidate proposed by one of the missionaries. It reads:- "A.B. 18 years ago. ~~Knows~~ how to read and write but has no knowledge of Arithmetic or Geography. Is studious, speaks readily and has a good voice." He was admitted, and has proved to be the best student we have had, never in the four years falling below ninety in standing in any examination. Last year he would pack a list of Greek words on a board before him to ~~learn~~ study while at work in the carpenter shop.

It is our earnest desire that all of the students be engaged in some kind of evangelistic work continously. They are always glad to do this and have been successful in distributing tracts, selling books and Bibles, holding cottage meetings and street-preaching services, and

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in bringing many new ones to the regular church services. Last year two new students were assigned to the jail work, to visit the county jail each Sunday afternoon and work with the Mexican inmates. At the close of the year one of them brought me sixteen cards signed by those who had confessed Christ and pledged themselves to serve Him, the result of the work of these students.

During the school vacation the older ones are employed, in-so-far as the funds will allow, in preaching, under the supervision of some missionary. This summer one man who has spent but a year with us yet, was sent to Ranchewitown never visited by a missionary, a journey of eight days on horseback from the railroad. At the end of the first month he wrote me of the wonderful opening for work there and the great desire for a school, and added, "When I see how much they need and desire, I feel very small and wish to run away." At the close of the second month he wrote of the conversion of thirty-three persons and the organization provisionally of a congregation of twenty-six, of a Society of Christian Endeavor of twenty-three members, and of generous contributions toward the expenses of the work. They are anxious to get more information. At one time seventy books arrived by mail and fifty of them were sold within two hours; not one of the candidates for reception to the church bought less than five dollars' worth of evangelical books. One man gave the use of his private chapel, originally intended for Roman Catholic service, and there our students preached all summer. He said that he was unable to close the services at the end of an hour, and was often obliged to continue for six hours at a time, explaining the Gospel to this new congregation.

This view of the students is given that our friends may know what we are doing and hoping to do. If Mexico be evangelized the greater part of the work must eventually be done by a consecrated and educated native ministry.

Revival Meetings in Chihuahua.

Ever since we entered our beautiful house of worship, over three years ago, we have been longing for a visitation that should profoundly move the hearts of people both within and without the congregation. The native pastors of the future ~~four~~ our own churches are yet pursuing their preparatory studies, and they cannot aid much in pulpit work.

One year ago a salutary impression was made upon the church by the solemn exclusion of several members who had persisted in unchristian living; and in the summer a promise of aid was secured from the Rev. Arcadio Morales, of Mexico City, who has been pastor of a Presbyterian church there for twenty years. Señor Morales is a man of winning personality, possesses spiritual power to a marked degree, and is acquainted with the majority of the Christian workers, both native and foreign. In response to urgent invitations, he has held special meetings during the past year in Saltillo, Monterey, San Luis Potosí and Vera Cruz; and now he has just closed a ten days series of meetings here with our Trinity church, having had to travel a thousand miles to reach us.

For the Week of Prayer we had adopted the timely topics suggested by the Boston ministers, and with deepening interest the meetings were continued into the next week until the very night of Sr. Morales' arrival. The public mind was further prepared by the wide distribution of beautifully printed invitations, and each day during the continuance of the special meetings, some eight hundred handbills were circulated on the streets, giving the topic for the evening, when many persons came to hear who had never before attended a Protestant service.

At the sunrise meetings there were presented Bible readings, with wonderfully vivid illustrations of Christian truth. The M.E. church, South, accepted an invitation to join us, and on the two Sunday mornings both schools

met together to receive the impressive object lessons on "The Work of Christ" and ~~the~~ "Emblems of the Spirit". The other notable occasions were: on Wednesday evening, when twelve persons signified their purpose to begin a new life; Saturday morning when we were together for two and a half hours, and all hearts were melted, while confessions were made by several of the exclued members, and supplications offered with strong crying and tears; and the closing meeting on Sunday night, when Sr. Morales addressed words of counsel to the new converts, some thirty-five in number, and prayed most feelingly for them and the church members.

We cannot doubt that the blessing has come in answer to united prayer, offered not only here, but by sympathetic churches and individuals of various cities in this country as well as in the United States. It is worth noting that about seventy-five dollars of the expenses were contributed by native members of the congregation. The services of the preacher were gratuitous, his pulpit being supplied meanwhile by the Rev. Hubert W. Brown of the Presbyterian mission.

~~James D. Eaton.~~

~~Chihuahua~~, Mexico, Jan. ~~29, 1894~~.

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THE OUTLOOK FOR PROTESTANT SCHOOLS IN MEXICO.

In estimating the value of education as a method of propogating and establishing a pure Christian faith among the Mexicans, it is necessary to discriminate very particularly between the several grades of schools and the conditions under which each is operated. For instance some would do away entirely with primary schools and confine their attention wholly to providing higher Christian education for students who are aiming to become teachers or preachers; some devote themselves exclusively to combinations of boarding and day schools, teaching the primary and higher branches to those Roman Catholics and Liberals, who prefer the American schools and are willing to pay the school fees as well as to such pupils as it is expedient to take free.

Perhaps the reason why many missionaries consider the primary school as needless or wasteful of mission funds is that they have inherited a good many of these schools which have run down and have ceased to exert an influence upon the communities where they are located. Sometimes the fault has been with the inexperience or lack of zeal of the teacher. Generally the missionary has been unable to visit these schools often enough or to stay long enough to advise the teachers how to improve in their methods, or to enable them to gain that co-operation in its patronage and support from the local community which assures it a standing. Primary schools in the nature of the case are so comparatively inexpensive that this has often led to their being established where there was not a sufficient demand. While one of the distinctive features of Protestantism is the fostering of the education of the masses, the masses, beyond the mere rudiments of reading and writing, have very little understanding of what an education is. Without the stimulus of desire to read the Bible or the newspaper or opportunity to apply their learning in definite ways which yield a money return they are apt to sink back to the verge of illiteracy. At first a primary school may attaret many pupils whose parents are possessed with a more or less sentimental desire to have their children educated; this is the opportunity for the Mission to begin work and put in a teacher, one who has the capacity to make a primary school an evangelistic centre and who, at least, can prepare the way for public preaching services.

As a general rule, after the first or second year, unless the school has an unusual amount of attention or a specially qualified teacher, there will be a decrease in the number of scholars enrolled and a falling off and an irregularity in the attendance. If before this occurs the school has not been utilized to the full extent as an evangelistic centre, resembling somewhat a Mission Sunday-school held six days in the week, its opportunity will have gone, perhaps never to return. In this view the primary school is used somewhat to break down prejudice and to gain access to the homes of the pupils.

The later and more general demand for education will be marked by the desire on the part of the Christian parents to have their chil-

dren well taught and fitted for the part in life they are to fill. It is quite safe to establish schools under this demand, providing that the people benefitted bear a full half of their support and are primarily responsible for the salaries of the teachers. The conducting of such schools will, however, be very largely governed by whether or not there are already public or private schools established of the proper character, without any adverse religious teachings. In Mexico where there are good primary schools already established in any locality, it would be folly to start others under Protestant management unless fully supported by the local Protestant community.

Higher education proceeds or should proceed with a somewhat different aim. It proposes not only to give the scholar the mechanical vehicle for receiving and communicating thought; but seeks as well to guide him in his inquiries, and to develop his thinking faculties, inducting him into a study of the order and laws of nature and human society. Goethe says, "It is good to know everything;" and on this principle that education is a good thing in itself, it has often been accepted as incumbent upon Missionary Societies to provide for a scheme of liberal education for their converts. The question of maintaining a high-school, however, cannot be determined merely upon its merits as being "a good thing" but must rest upon the foundation of being essential to the permanency of the church or a practical aid in opening the minds of the scholars and their relatives to receive the Gospel.

Before considering the high school as an essential to the permanency of the church, we shall consider the high-school as an aid to evangelization and the peculiar dangers of its failing of its object. High-schools may unfit the poor for the part in life which they have to perform (unless carried sufficiently far to practically provide them with a profession). To be profitable in the sense of providing the education demanded by those whose parents can pay the fees, high-schools must generally adopt such a curriculum as to be utterly unsuited to the needs of the great mass of those who go from the schools back to manual labor, or who are to become teachers or preachers. Without the element of personal contact of an experienced missionary whose influence over the scholars is great,- and this is rarely secured in large schools- the factor which counts for most in leading the students to faith in Christ, is the life of the Christian scholars. No mission school should be allowed to grow out of proportion to the number of active, earnest young disciples it contains. We do not say it will do harm, but that under such conditions it does not justify the expenditure of mission funds. The expensiveness of this method of evangelization is that first of all it provides only for a favored few, selected by fallible men, and not by the Holy Ghost, and that it often fits these few to be stumbling-blocks to those who might come to the light. Many missionaries who have made personal sacrifice to go to foreign fields have felt that practically they were improving merely the mental faculties of the heathen and effecting little toward the conversion of the world.

High-schools in Mexico to some extent have already come into active

competition with State Normal Schools. These well-organized, well-equipped and steadily improving State institutions, with all the backing of the State Government, and all the favor of institutions belonging to the people, must be reckoned with in the long run. It is safe to say of Mexico as of Japan, that the cases are few where the well-to-do class will choose the mission school in preference to the State school, the Protestant in preference to the Mexican and non-religious; so that the Mission must hazard considerable with a good prospect of ultimately withdrawing.

As an essential to the progress and permanency of the native church, high-schools must be adapted to meet the needs of the local community from which the students are drawn, and so must qualify those who take the full course of study for the work they have to do after their school-days are over. And this must be more carefully guarded in the case of those who are aided by being exempted from paying the fees or whose parents are making considerable sacrifices that their children may be better qualified than they were for getting on in the world. The preparation of teachers for mission schools or for entrance to the theological class has often resulted in throwing almost the whole burden of education upon the mission and subsequently the support of both the schools and pastorate upon the same sources.

It would not seem wise at present to discontinue the conducting of high-schools already well established which have a strong Christian basis of work in the number of active Christian pupils and which are successfully preparing teachers to occupy positions in the government and mission schools. It would, however, appear wise to have an outlook upon the future and seriously study what is likely to be the demand for the next ten years. Two plans suggest themselves as modifications of those already in operation:

First: That instead of providing additional institutions for the preparation of teachers or continuing those not fully established, good Christian homes might be opened in cities where there are first-class State Normal Schools, under the supervision of the missionaries who are qualified to develop the spiritual life and Bible study of those residing in the home. As the Government provides in many cases for the board of pupils, it is not unlikely that the Protestant young men and women might avail themselves of Christian homes set up for their benefit; or where the Mission provides for such scholarships it would be vastly less expensive, and in some respects more broadening, to conduct educational work on this plan.

The second, and probably the scheme that would be most readily accepted at present, would be to have such a curriculum in the high schools as made them effective training agencies for Christian workers; so that those who did not study the full term or were supported by the Mission would be able in their own communities to superintend the Sunday-schools and do such educational work as their people could afford to pay for. Such is now the effort making in several of the Missions. At Zitacuaro the Presbyterian Mission designs to have a training institute

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in which it is designed that those who cannot pay the fees shall devote the larger part of their time in industrial work. It however seems probable that after this school is fully organized it will include a course or preparation for theological study, as the native church seems to demand a more highly educated ministry.

The conclusion is, that the school best suited to Mexico has not yet been evolved; that a few schools like the Presbyterian Girls Schools at Saltillo and Mexico City and the Methodist Episcopal Schools at Mexico City and Puebla are measurably meeting the needs of the Mexican Protestant community; that most of the other high schools are in a more or less transitory stage, not fully definable, and doing unquestionable good though perhaps not in the most profitable way; and that the American Protestant school as a primary, preparatory or high-school should be thorough both in training the intellect and in cultivating the spiritual life; that those who pass through these schools should be living witnesses to the fact that Christianity is the very foundation of a well regulated manhood and womanhood, profitable for the life that now is and for that which is to come.

W Henry Grant

You will find this in Missy Review of World for March where it is a good deal easier to read.

President Cleveland said a good word for our Missy's in America last night

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Mexican Mission of the American Board.

PARRAL, MEXICO.

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June 10, 1896.

Dear brethren of the Mission:

The responses to the call for a vote on the question of the transfer of Mr. Bissell and family to Batopilas, are now all in, and I am obliged to report that the motion is lost. Mr. Olds says — "I am in favor of Mr. Eaton's motion, provided that Mr. Bissell is willing to go to Batopilas." Mr. Wagner — "Shall second the motion that Mr. Bissell go to B —." Mr. Bissell appears not to have received a copy of the motion, but infers what it is from another letter, and writes thus — "I do hope it may not be possible for the matter to be decided hastily. I feel very deeply the paramount claims, first, of the Training School, second, of Sonora. If, after guarding those interests, we still had a man to spare, Batopilas region should be actually explored and reported on before making it a Station. The best testimony says the population is not there, or not reasonably accessible. And, again, what bearing would the deduction of one-half the salary by the Mining law &c. have on the reaching of these remote points? I don't like the compact. Wo to the missionary who should be at all dependent on their smiles and frowns. They 'want the earth,' — not heaven, nor the kingdom thereof."

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Ibarra and family are now on the ground. I plan to start within a few days, and after visiting several other points, reach Batopilas, where I will do what I can to get him well started in the work, and to inform myself still further in regard to the condition and needs of the field.

I have written to Mr. Pratt on the subject, thinking that he might be inclined to this field. He is, however, engaged at Laredo for the rest of this year, and he is also doubtful in regard to taking up work which would keep him so much in the saddle.

The question of the occupation, by a missionary, of Batopilas is, therefore, still before you, brethren, and we must not forget that it involves, also, the location of Miss Burrill.

I will suggest that if any motion be made before August first, the replies be sent to the Sec'y, Mr. Howland, as I do not plan to be back from my trip until about the middle of August.

Cordially yours

A. C. Wright.

El Parral, August 7, '95

Dear Brethren of the Mission:

I am sure that all will be interested in a short report of my vacation tour, which will also serve as a good introduction to the business which this letter must present to the Mission.

On June 16th I left this place, accompanied by Don Florentino Piña, with a good stock of Scriptures for sale on the road, and the two students, Jesús Valencia and Isabel Balderas. The former of these two was left in San Pablo de Balleza, to work for a little over two months in that promising field, and the latter went as far as Dolores, where he is now with that little band of faithful ones, and with bright prospects of doing then much good in the short time left of the vacation. I reached this place on my return, Saturday, Aug. 1, having been in the saddle 23 full days, traveled 759 miles, held 32 public services, with total attendance of 1222. We held one week of continual services in Batopilas and another in Dolores with good success, and celebrated the first evangelical services in the following places, El Agostadero, Lagunitas, Zapuri and Baborigame.

In Batopilas I found the condition somewhat changed since the departure of Mr. Case, but still very promising for the growing work. The school has had a prosperous year, and has been self-supporting, including the salary of Miss Burris, I believe. I found Miss Burris in better health and spirits than she was at the time Mr. Case left, but it was evident that she could not continue the school for another year, safely to her health, in the same place. After full consultation with her and with the Shepherds, we concluded that it would be best to accept the offer of the latter, which was to furnish free of charge, first, the school-buildings of the Company, situated a little over a mile above the central part of the town, and with ample room for the school and Miss Burris. 2nd, the electric light for the above. 3rd, plain furniture for Miss Burris' room, and 4th, board for Miss Burris with the hospital nurse and matron, Miss McMahon.

It is probable that this step will reduce the number of pupils somewhat, but Miss Burris is thinking of receiving also a few boarders, and indeed, it is the only way in which it seems to be probable that she would be able to continue the school another year. Now she will have good, well-prepared food, at regular hours, and congenial company. Let me say here that besides her school-work, which is well done, Miss Burris is doing most excellent missionary work in the ~~to~~ town, and helping greatly in the church there.

In regard to an associate for her, one who could teach music and kindergarten could be a great help to school and mission work, and probably would be able to secure, from ~~sil~~ such lessons, as much as two-thirds of her salary, possibly all of it. I wish that one might be secured immediately, and I shall be in favor of urging the Board to furnish, first, the one asked for so long in Fuerte, and then another for Batopilas, in case no missionary family is secured for that place.

As to the church-work in Batopilas, it has suffered during the stay of Sebastian Hernandez, who certainly did not do himself credit while there. Laziness seems to have been the principal fault. On the arrival of Ibañez the prospect began to brighten, and I think that he will continue to work faithfully. I was unable to find ~~that~~ the financial aid to this work which I had expected. In the first place, the night-school, from which we had expected to pay $35, or $40 towards the preacher's salary, was offered by the Company only in case an American should teach it, and Governor Shepherd was decided in not starting it under any other direction. Then the chapel, which Don Enrique Valenzuela has kindly furnished free of rent for a year, is not so offered now, though it is possible that he may be persuaded by the Shepherds to continue. He wishes to charge $12 a month for that, which we must count upon paying until certain of his disposition to give it. Then the rent of a house for the preacher was in some way omitted from our estimates. Ibañez by great favor, secured one for $12 a month, which would cost others from $15, to $20, and he has only two rooms, and the use of the patio with portal.

After living in Batopilas, and paying the bills, and making a careful list of the cost of the ordinary articles of house-keeping, I am persuaded that we cannot ask our preacher to live with his family on less than $70 a month. Common workmen in the mines receive $3 and $2.50 a day. For facilitating an understanding of the situation, I append a statement of the probable receipts and expenses for the church work, based upon an examination of the books of the church. The receipts may be greater, but we cannot count with certainty on more.

Church Expenses.		Receipts.	
Rent, Chapel,	$12 a month.	From all Collections	$25 a mo
,, Preacher's House	$12 ,, ,,	Night-School,	0
Current Expenses	$7 ,, ,,	Private Contributions	(?)
Salary,	$70 ,, ,,		
	$101.		$25.

The brethren do give and it seems liberally, but they are few, and are all workmen, and cannot begin to pay all these expenses, even if we cut off the chapel rent. If we encourage Juarez to take classes in English &c. to eke out his salary, he says that he will not be able to enlarge the work any, and I fear that it would soon go to pieces. It needs all of his time, and he is disposed to give it all.

In regard to the sending of a missionary family there, on talking with the Shepherds, they said that as both Mr. Case and Mr. Stevens had gone, the principal ones in the plan already made, it might be better for us to consider the question from the start, to which I could only assent. The offers of aid to this object are made almost exclusively in view of the establishment of a somewhat extensive plant for a school for boys. The missionary must pledge it one-half of his time, and it must have all of the time of a competent Mexican assistant. After going into the matter as well as I could on the ground, I failed to see any reason to suppose that such an institution would be of continued financial local support, and, on account of the location and nature of the place, it would have to depend upon that almost exclusively small town for its students. While the Shepherds are willing to help in such a scheme, they are very plainly desirous to do nothing which will not be in favor with the people, and while it is true that this school would be popular at first,

I do not suppose that we can count upon holding that popularity when the people discover that they must pay the expenses themselves. In a word, my own opinion is, that the work in Batopilas can be carried on by native preachers but that it is greatly to be desired that the missionary in charge of that field spend as much as two months of each year in the place.

I will now add an extract from a letter just received from Mr. Eaton which demands the immediate attention of the Mission:-" There is a matter of pressing importance, connected with the subject of disbursement by the Mission treasurer, which is presented anew to us by a letter received this morning (Aug. 4) from DR. Barton. In answer to my request for speedy information as to whether the request of the Mission for permission to use the unexpended balance of Mr. Case's salary would be allowed, he replies ' The minutes of the Mission meeting contain no request from the Mission to use the balance of Mr. Case's salary for general Mission-work. Such requests have been granted with a great deal of reluctance hitherto by the Committee. I should hope the Mission would be able to get through the year without serious loss to itself or the work without presenting this request to the Committee. It is a precedent which they very much dislike to establish. But, if it seems to be absolutely necessary, if you will make the application, with the reasons in detail for so doing, I will present it to the Com. and secure the transfer if possible.'.

'You may remember that after cutting down where we thought it to be possible, the work still called for an expenditure of $1,030.71, gold, beyond what the Board offered us for this year for the general work. And this made no account of the expenses connected with the long visit to Sonora, which the Mission asked me to make, nor of the $5. monthly increase on the salaries of Mata and E. Rodriguez, nor the cost, in part, of moving Ibanez to Batopilas, nor of the amount beyond $35. monthly salary for him, nor of house-rent for him(as to which latter points I am not yet instructed). Of this sum, we hope to be allowed the $801.15, gold, from Mr. Case's salary: and in writng to Dr. Barton, I made a strong plea for this money, reminding him of the $2000 or so gold, returned to the treasury of the Board last December, and stating that if it were not allowed, our little band of 7 helpers

for 4 States of the Republic, would have to be further reduced, or the Mission run in debt for next year. I closed by remarking that I did not see how, under the circumstances, the Com. could refuse our petition. You see his answer. It will prevent my making any further application unless the Mission should order me to do so.

In view of this painful situation, the idea occurred to me of sending at once to each station a letter setting forth the cold facts. But it seems more prudent not to act independently of what information you may have to prevent, or recommendation you may feel inclined to make, in view of your recent trip. Parral is the only point where two missionaries are together for consultation, and I hope that some motion may emanate from there which will give us relief in the present distress. Of course I feel great reluctance to go on disbursing funds, when I know that at the present pace we shall come out far behind at the end of the year. In connection of the making of some motion, you may think it best to copy what I have written in regard to the financial status of our Mission treasury to send to the stations."

In order to bring this matter before the Mission in definite shape for action, I will move:

First, That Mr. Eaton be instructed by the Mission to make formal application to the Board to be allowed to apply on the general work of the Mission the unexpended balance of the salary of Mr. Case for the present year.

Second, That he also express to the Board the sentiment of the Missionthat the only alternative of which we know will be the suspension of the Training School in El Paso, unless the suspension of the Girls' Schools be allowed instead, in order to continue the more important work of the education of the native ministry.

Third, That in view of the expressed willingness for such a step, the lady teachers of the Mission, whose salaries have remained the same while all others have been cut, be requested to donate 10 per cent of their salaries to the general work of the Mission.

As will be seen, it is imperative that the action on the first motion, at least, be very prompt in order to carry it into effect before the opening of the school on Sept. 1st. Please all reply to me, clearly designating your vote upon each of the three motions presented above, by number if you choose, and if you desire to present anything further for Mission action, send to me, as president, to distribute to the rest.

Sincerely yours,

A. C. Wright.

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El Paso, Texas, Aug. 18, 1896.

Dear Brethren of the Mission:-

I am now prepared to report the decision of the Mission on the motions presented for action in my letter of Aug. 7th. I will give them in the order in which they were received.

Mr. Olds votes in favor of the three motions.

Mr. Eaton in favor of the first, and of the second, as far as the words, "Training School at El Paso.

Mr. Howland in favor of all three.

Mr. Wagner the same as Mr. Eaton.

I have not heard from Mr. Bissell yet, but in view of the great distance to him, and the further fact that even if his vote should be against all of the motions, we still have the requisite two-thirds in favor of the first motion and the substance of the second, I shall take the liberty of deciding that much approved by the Mission, and shall ask Mr. Eaton, in accordance with this, " To make formal application to the Board to be allowed to apply on General Work of the Mission, the unexpended balance of the salary of Mr. Case for this year, ($801.15 gold). " That he also express to the Board the sentiment of the Mission, that the only alternative of which we know will be the suspension of the Training School at El Paso."

If, on receiving Mr. Bissell's vote, I find it to be in favor of all three of the motions, I shall ask Mr. Eaton to add this in a later communication to the Board, as they will then have two-thirds the votes of the Mission in their favor.

I send the remarks of the different brethren on these motions in a regular Mission letter, going the full round, instead of mani-

J. L. B.
Rec'd 2-1-97
Ans'd

Memorial Church in Parral, Mexico.

After only three years of missionary service, Mrs. Helen Bush Olds died in Parral, Dec. 2, 1894. The following year the missionaries of that station, who for some time had realized the great need of a church building for their growing work, decided that they would undertake to erect one in memory of her. Little by little her friends, and a few others, were interested, and sent such help as they could, though young people making a start in life, as her college class-mates, for instance, were doing, could not make large gifts. Missionaries in Mexico and Americans in Parral, as well as some Mexicans, who had known and loved her, contributed, while the church itself, although its members are all poor, and some of them very poor, raised for this object $657.38 Mexican money. The work on the building, which began in April, '96, was done almost entirely by members of the church, most of them giving a part of their labor in addition to other gifts, and, as the Missionary in charge took the place of contractor and builder, the money raised was made to go a long ways.

The building was dedicated free of debt Jan. 20. On that evening, although the seating capacity, 500, was not all used, nearly 400 were present, which is the largest audience that has ever assembled in Parral at a Protestant service. In the audience were the Jefe Politico, or Governor of the district, several members of the City Council, and representatives of all classes of the people. 22 members of the Las Cuevas Church, 16 miles away, were present, as well as several from other churches more distant.

Rev. A. C. Wright, of the Rio Grande Training School, preached the sermon, and Rev. J. D. Eaton, of Chihuahua, offered the dedicatory prayer and addressed the church. The whole service was impressive, and the audience gave the closest attention throughout, entering into the spirit of the occasion, joining in the responsive readings, and standing during the prayer of dedication. This was the more remarkable from the fact that so many were listening to the truth for the first time: and even more strange that from beginning to end there was not the least disturbance, not even from the many who were standing in the vestibule and about the door.

The building is well situated, on high ground, fronting the Plaza of Porfirio Diaz, a public garden named after the

President of the Republic, the favorite resort and promenade of the city. Although the front is partially hidden by the adjoining property, the sides and rear are free from obstruction so that plenty of light is obtained. In the lower, the plan is to fit up a Reading Room, while in the second story, with its three circular windows, is a room for the Pastor's Study. Entering the Vestibule, the attention is first attracted by the memorial tablet of dark marble, located in the wall at the left. The inscription reads:

Templo Evangélico
Construido en Memoria de
Helen Bush Ellis.
Falleció, en Diciembre 3 de 1894.
"Estando muerta aún habla."

"She being dead yet speaketh" is a fact which the memorial church will help to make more true. One of the windows is also memorial, as indicated by another inscription tablet. Miss Martha E. Rice died in Parral in 1887, while on a visit to her sister Mrs. Case. The audience room is nearly square, with the pulpit platform at the right, and the choir reaching to the corner beyond. Two windows, ten feet from the floor, on either side of the pulpit, three large ones, on the opposite side, looking upon the street, and three quite small over the entrance, furnish light, and as all are of stained glass, made in the States, of soft and harmonious colors, they attract a great deal of attention. The floor is of imported matched lumber, instead of brick which is commonly used here, and the ceiling, arranged in square panels, is also finished in the yellow pine. Opposite the entrance a partition of matched ceiling, varnished in the natural color of the wood, separates the main room from the Lecture Room, and doors sixteen feet wide admit of the two rooms being thrown together when desired. The small room has a seating capacity of 150 people, and as it can be entered directly from the street, will be brought into frequent use.

The completion of this church marks a new era in the history of Christian work in this part of the State. All Parral is talking about what was said and done at the Dedication. A number were convinced of the truth that night, and are now seeking more light. A neighbor was heard to remark, "I always

supposed that the Protestants did not believe in God, but now I know that they truly worship Him." The services which were continued throughout the week were well-attended, and at the celebration of the Lord's Supper on Sunday afternoon nearly 100 members of the Parral Church participated. 35 members have been received during 1855. With new courage and faith the church is moving forward.

It is O. Ellis.

J. L. B.
Rec'd 2-24-97
Ans'd

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RESOLUTIONS on MISSIONARY COMITY.

(TRANSLATION.)

Your Committee appointed to report on the paper presented by r. John W, Butler, would say, that we unanimously approve the principles set forth by the writer, and would like to see adopted in the main he measures proposed for reaching the desired end; but in deference to he opinions of a respectable number of brethern who say that they re not authorized to sign nor even to vote for any such agreement as as been proposed - we recommend the adoption of the following resolution:-

The Evangelical Workers, gathered, in their Second General Assembly in the city of Mexico, respectfully but at the same time with great earnestness, beg of all the Missionary Societies at work in this country that they come to an agreement as soon as possible concerning the adoption of the means best adapted to the securing of an equitable and economical distribution of territory amongst the respective missions, in order that the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ may the sooner be preached to the entire nation.

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MISSIONARY COMITY.

The development of indigenous resources in our respective churches and good fraternal relations between the different missions, to our mind, are two of the most essential factors for laying broad and deep the foundations of such a permanent and prosperous Protestantism in the Republic of Mexico as shall, in all future generations, be blessed of God in the salvation of men and the exalting of the Nation.

Conserted protestant work in this country dates back to about 1872 though colportues, single-handed missionaries, and the so called "Church of Jesus" record some work years prior to that date.

We believe the following to be about the order in which the different churches planted their missions: The Baptist, Northern Convention, 1862; the Church of Jesus, 1868 since desintegrated and one part of it gathered up by the Episcopal Church about 1880; the Friends of the New York annual Meeting 1871; the Congregationalists A.B.C.F.M. 1872; the Presbyterians 1872; the Methodist Episcopal 1873; the Southern Presbyterian 1874; the Reformed Associate 1878; the Baptist Southern Convention, 1845; the Methodist Church South 1874; the Cumberland Presbyterian 1887; the Friends' Indiana Annual Meeting 1888; the Seven Day Adventists 1892 and the Mission of Mr. Harris in Orizaba 1894. No mention is made of the once important work of the lamented James Pearson, begun about 1876; as soon after his death his work seemed to have passed over to other missions, or entirely died out.

However scattered the places of our birth, however different our religious instruction or however distinct some of our church practices, we have one common Lord and are working in this land for one single

aim - the salvation of souls and the glory of God. Our participation in this Assembly is a proof positive of the fact that we believe that something may be done along the line of missionary comity which will further aid in reaching this desired end. Hence the subject assigned me. To some, the mere announcement of the subject ~~the~~ may suggest the laying of plans and the carving up of the country geographically. While most will at once say that it is too late for such an arrangement all will doubtless agree that it is not too late to draw a little nearer together and mutually agree to observe certain rules which will often serve the cause we love, and hasten on the conquest of our part of the world for Christ.

In the discussion of this question we must not only claim sincerity of purpose on our own part but concede an equal amount of that desired commodity to all concerned.

A few reasons why we should attempt something of the kind may lead up to a more hearty discussion of the subject:- Among these may be stated the following:-

1. The sacrifices of our supporters and the faith of our Missionary Societies suggest that we should make the very wisest use of our time and available funds.

2. The happiness and safety of souls who will die without a true knowledge of Christ if we are ~~the~~ unwise in this matter.

3. Our faith in "the coming of the Lord" whose "Day" we would hasten.

4. Doubtless one of the strongest arguments in justification of our presence in this land is the reformation and the purification of the old church. Rome will not admit this statement, but the evidence of its truth is already apparent on every hand. The founding of new schools, and the improvement of old ones, the establishment of preaching services in their more important Temples, the multiplication of printing presses, the opening of orphanages and other like innovations, are eloquent "signs of the times" along this line. Our concerted action can but multiply these "signs" and accelerate this good work till Rome will be compelled to teach and preach the Gospel and put the Bible in the hands of her people. When that glad day comes, saints on earth and angels in Heaven will mingle their songs of rejoicing. And furthermore, we venture the assertion that, the evangelical Missions now working in this country, if wisely supported by their respective societies, according to their own day of opportunity, seconded by a substantial growth in our indigenous resources could, through the reformation of the old Church and by their direct and united efforts, bring all the millions of Mexico to Christ during the next generation.

And who would refrain from participation in such a glorious undertaking?

1. WHAT HAS BEEN DONE IN THE PAST? Is one of the questions asked by your Executive Committee. Several years ago the representatives of those missions having head-quarters in this city, after weeks of serious and prayerful consideration of the subject recommended a plan which received some considerable attention at the hands of our first General Assembly. This plan in substance proposed that workers

should not pass from one mission to another without proper credentials; that members should have no unworthy inducements of any kind, held out to them to change relationship from one church to another; that no town of less than 25 or 30 thousand people should be occupied by more than one Evangelical Church for a period of years to come, and some suggestions were made as to possible union of Theological schools and press work. Later a self constituted Committee with representatives from several missions met, in Zacatecas, and devoted two days of earnest work to a plan looking toward the foundation, some day, of a Union College.

This last scheme was disapproved by most of our Home Boards chiefly on financial grounds. The first three points mentioned above have been religiously complied with on the part of several of the missions, but in some cases, which might be cited, have been ignored to the serious embarrassment of the participants and we firmly believe dishonor to our cause. We have carefully watched where opportunity afforded the history of some of those cases and the truth compels us to say that every such case has resulted in confusion if not disgrace, where one church has insisted upon entering small towns previously occupied by one there.

As to members passing from one church to another, we have known individual cases where falsehood was resorted to in order to cover the steps advised by the Minister and the subsequent history of a family again proved nothing can permanently stand on a lie - for we watched such families till, with profound sorrow we found them lost to both churches.

Concerning workmen we have ~~first~~ yet to meet the first one who made the change under any kind of pressure who was either happy in himself, or perfectly useful in his new field.

A dispassionate consideration of facts will probably lead every member of this Assembly to make a like confession.

II. WHAT DO WE PROPOSE? This is the second question asked by your Committee.

1. As to territory. National and generally State Capitals, chief ports and large towns may be considered as common ground. Still it is our conviction that while so many towns and cities of the Republic are as yet unentered by any protestant body, it would be the part of wisdom and courtesy to confine joint occupancy for the next decade, to a dozen towns outside the National Capital. Suppose we adopt a resolution that for the next two years no town of less than thirty thousand inhabitants can be occupied by more than one protestant body? This may involve the withdrawal of the second party which has established itself in some such place, but would it not avoid considerable friction and enable us as different branches of the church acting under a general comity to cover, with the same means a much wider range of territory?

2. Just here arises the question as to what constitutes occupancy If we were to answer briefly we would say, services conducted with reasonable regularity and a due regard to the customs of the church occupying the town. The mere fact that a missionary has visited a town and carried for long months the name thereof in his books and in his mind the intention of <u>some day</u> opening work there cannot be considered occupancy.

3. Again, if a mission begins work in th principal town of a certain district and intends, in any reasonable time, as men and means are theirs to command, to enter all the towns of that district only a cordial consent from the first occupant after full and frank conference could justify a second party entering that immediate vicinity.

Here again brotherly kindness, thoughtful consideration and true frankness will settle amiably ninety-nine out of every hundred such cases. We could cite several, where arrangements of this kind have been made between the representatives of the Presbyterian and Methodist missions, without a jar to the most cordial relations and, we firmly believe economy of funds, men and time as well as a greater basis of comity than could otherwise have been obtained.

4. Territory open to new missions coming into this broad field is an interesting subject. Wisdom, the avoidance of possible friction and their wider usefulness would all seem to point to some one of these important but as yet unoccupied centres where they couldfreely work without building "on another man's foundation." Here again, the honest zeal of those already in the field will lead them, when asked, to give valuable advice and perhaps native helpers with whom to commence a new work which, in all future years will bless men and honor God.

The most prosperous mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the far East received first as a loan and later as a gift, from the Presbyterian Church, which had preceded it in entering that distant Empire, a native preacher who, for forty years has been a power fo r good and who still lives in advanced age to carry on his work. The venerable superintendent of that mission, as well as all who have

joined in that work in all these years, still remember, with gratitude, that act of Christian courtesy and fraternity in their time of need.

5. What shall we agree to concerning the transfer of members and workers from one church to another?

A. Members shall never be tampered with. Inducements ofa worldly character such as employment, gifts, insinuations against the character or work of those with whom the members in question are connected and all other like efforts are simply unworthy of servants of Christ. Sometimes weak brethern will be found who for a miserable pittance will pass from one congregation to another. We personally know of a case where a man passed from a congregation to which he belonged for several years, to another under the influence of a Pastor's eloquence and the promise of twelve cents a week to help in his family expences. The Pastor of the receiving church paid no attention whatever to his long years of membership in the first church nor his previous period of probation by which he entered that church, nor yet to the fact that he was an officer in the same. When the Missionary made his regular visit to that congregation the Pastor presented this new convert (?) as a recent trophy of his arduous labors (?). The man and place can be named to any one who may have interest in the matter. Brothers: Such things are a travesty in protestant missions. Our members and preachers should act the part of men - of men of God, and as a rule, no member should be received into another church without a regular certificate or some kind of perfect understanding with the church authorities from whence he comes. Can the Pastor who acts otherwise be a true Sheperd of Souls?

B. Workers passing from one mission to another without proper arrangements or just reason brings serious injury to the cause. It is our candid conviction, after over twenty years of experience in the field, that 9 out of every 10 such cases are failures.

If a mission educated a young man, for its own work, there, as a rule, he should remain till the Master transfers him to higher spheres of usefulness. If a worker does change however, let him do so in a manly, open way so that he can retain his own self respect as well as the respect of those he leaves and those to whom he goes. But the Missionary who receives a worker from another church who fails to present clean credentials, generally breaks the "golden rule," encourages the destructive spirit among infant churches and commits a fault which his own missionary Board would not approve.

The Missionary who holds out monetary inducements to either members or workers with a view to bringing about a change in church membership is guilty of a perversion of sacred funds.

In his relation to all these matters it is the solemn duty of every missionary to consider not only the little advantage which might accrue to his own mission by the coming in of a new ~~member~~ worker by transfer, but also the claim which the other church has on such workers - Just as much his duty to consider the rights of other missions in this respect as it is to offer his daily devotions to God.

Again in these times of strenuous effort and studious economy no missionary Board has money to send abroad men who will directly or indirectly debilitate or destroy the good which others are trying to do in the name of the Lord Jesus.

C. I believe that great good would come from a free and frank discussion, in a judiciously constituted committee, on the matter of salaries and other expenditures in connection with the employment of teachers and preachers. "The workman is worthy of his hire" is equally as true to-day as when it fell from the lips of the Master. As it is a truth which our congregations, our missionaries and our preachers should all be willing to consider.

Perhaps the best word for us to employ is "support."

If we could agree to see that our workers were properly supported and that the missionary Society supplements or completes what the people themselves cannot give and on the other hand agree to make a special effort to induce the people to realize the privilege and duty of supporting their Pastors and Teachers and drawing from the Society only such help as is necessary to supplement their own giving, we would make a long stride toward a self supporting, independent and self respecting protestantism.

Let us do this and then we shall all be raising up around us a noble body of teachers and preachers who partaking of our true christian spirit will teach and preach for love of the work and not for earthly consideration. There we will soon find that all workers being truly happy in their own home and truly useful in their own sphere will be beyond the reach of the thoughtless missionary who might try to entice away a worker with the offer of a larger salary.

7. Church forms of discipline is another thing we should honestly respect. Many a young man, who promised well for the future has been crippled if not ruined because when under the pressure of discipline

someone has lent "a willing ear" to his complaint and left "the door ajar" in case the young man should be " left out in the cold." This is a serious fault. In such cases we would lift up our voices and cry "hands off." Let the church which educated him and knows better than anyone else can possibly know his failings, deal with him. They, not you, can correct him, strengthen him, develope him and perhaps after the exercise of a little more patience make out of him a grand worker. Whereas if he yields under discipline and goes to another church the Devil has an excellent opportunity to fill his heart with false pride, unholy ambition and possibly a little spirit of revenge till at last he is ruined. No,no, brothers let every family arrange its own internal affairs. Fine enough for you to look for a physician and an undertaker when someone in your own circle needs them.

8. Petitions of all kinds should be read carefully and repeatedly. Read, perhaps, between the lines laid away and read again the next day. If they come from congregations which are already connected with some one of the organized churches in a vast majority of cases they had better be put in the pigeon hole or returned to the senders to be by them forwarded through their former missionary connections. While writing two cases are in mind. In one case a question of discipline, originating with a family whose relations were not sanctioned by Scripture, induced said family to send a petition with about a dozen names (half of which were minors) to a sister mission. Learning the facts we sought an early interview with the Superintendent of that mission, made full explanations and asked for time to bring the erring ones into line. He preferred to act on the petition. He estab-

lished a small congregation but in all these ten years the progress of that work has never justified the outlay, while the first mission planted there without the addition of a single worker or increase of a dollar would have done just as much and possibly more, than the two have done since the second entered. We rarely visit the place without hearing of something which confirms this opinion.

The second case is that of a town where we began work in 1876. The long journey was made entirely on horse-back. We gladly shared the meagre but sincere hospitality of our humble brethern. Many nights we slept on the floor and tried to count the stars through the frail roof. But God was with us and no king on his throne ever had happier times than we as we saw a school established, a church founded and souls converted.

As organization proceeded two or three disaffected brothers failing to have their own way got up a petition. The new Railroad was a comparitively easy way for the Superintendent of another mission to reach the place. We quietly protested but he continued. His offer of a new church was more taking than worship in an adobe house and he won the day-most of the flock followed him. That year our appropriation was overtaxed, so we decided, rather than appear to be a party to a quarrel to withdraw and close our school which had already matriculated nearly 150 children. For awhile, things went well, but later difficulties arose. To-day there is no school there, the congregation is divided, and for five years, delagations and petitions are coming up to us to return to that place. This we could easily do for we have five other congregations in the immediate vicinity. But we await

a missionary comity that will permit us to do so in the proper way. Names of both these places can be given to interested parties. It is but just to add that no missionary at present in this country is responsible for this history. The brethern now here have simply inherited the mistakes of their predecessors.

Fellow toilers in the vineyard, is it not time that we join heartily in some compact that will avoid friction and hasten the spread of Christ's Kingdom?

We have only little to give up but much to gain. Doing so, we shall extend our borders, multiply trophies of the cross and inspire Te Deums through all the beautiful valleys and on all the mountain sides. of this magnificent country and thus hasten the day, when Mexico's redeemed millions, together with those from the East and the West, from the North and the South, will sit down with Abraham and Isaac in the Kingdom of our God to go no more out forever."

To the English-speaking

Residents of this Capital.

Since the city government has seen fit to allow a circus and a collection of wild beasts to locate themselves on the most central avenue of the city, close to Trinity Church where we are accustomed to hold our worship from four to five o'clock, the time at which the afternoon performance will be about to begin, with the usual accompaniments of noisy venders and idlers, besides the playing of the band of musicians, we find ourselves obliged to suspend Divine services until Independence Avenue shall have been restored to its ordinary uses.

In behalf of the Congregation,

James D. Eaton,

MINISTER.

Chihuahua, August 13, 1898.

Imp. "El Norte."

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~~The~~ Opportunities ~~for Enlargement of Evangelistic Work in the Parral Field.~~ in Mexico

By Rev. Otis C. Olds of Parral.

The fact that the world is the field is always true and must be remembered whenever we consider the questions of time and place in our endeavor to hasten the coming of Christ's kingdom, and yet at times there are special opportunities at special points. (without speaking of Mexico as a whole, let me say that) with an increased force of workers much could be done to enlarge our work in the Parral field. In addition to the ordained missionary and his wife, and the lady teacher, who with one assistant, is carrying on a large and flourishing school, there is ~~but~~ one native preacher. He is located at Las Cuevas, a large village, where we have a church and small school, but where the brethren are not so Christ-like but what the presence of a leader is very necessary to the interests of harmony and Christian growth. New heaeers are being reached from time to time. The helper makes fortnightly visits to Ed Potrero, where a good work is going on, and to other ranches as he has opportunity. But there are other points, where work has been begun, which demand almost as much as Las Cuevas the presence of a pastor and regularly established services.

In Zaragoza we have a church, and a church building partly erected, where regular preaching would undoubtedly reach a number of people, and a great many more would listen to the Gospel, if visits could be made to the surrounding ranches. The point is 50 miles distant by wagon road from Parral, and so cannot be very often visited by the Parral missionary, and meanwhile the services held by the handful of faithful brethren are not well attended, and the ranches never visited.

Corral de Piedras, near Parral, is a large hacienda, where a number of believers reside, and where a preaching service calls out nearly the entire population. This is more frequently visited, but if services could be held every week, greater results would be seen.

In San Ignacio, 65 miles ~~ha~~ horseback from Parral, there is a little

band of believers, with large numbers of people in the ranches up and down the river, and in the town of Balleza, disposed to hear the gospel, but wi no one to preach it to them. Piedra Alumbre in another direction is in the same condition, though the surrounding population is not so great as about San Ignacio. In San Quintin, 25 miles horseback from Parral, the bre ren meet regularly by themselves, and have no difficulty in assembling a goodly company of their neighbors when a preaching service is to be held.

Then there is Dolores, over 200 miles away, horseback, where El Paso stu dents have done good work during summer vacations, but where a large work could be done, not only in the town itself, but all about in the surroun ing cañons and mountains, and perhaps in the city of Guadalupe y Calvo, a man could be stationed in the district.

Moreover if these towns and ranches could be better cared for, more coul be done in Parral itself, where now on account of the missionary's tours t church is left for two or three Sundays in each month without regular prea ing.

But aside from all this, there seem to be providential openings just now in sections where the gospel has not been preached. On the 27th of Se ber the new railroad, uniting Parral with the Mexican Central trunk line, was concluded, and the arrival of the first locomotive celebrated. This gi us new advantages and responsibilities. The Gospel should be preached with delay along the line of this road. The new commercial and mining activity with the large influx of population, not only demands more effort in the old centers, but the preaching of the gospel in the mining camps, of which a number of new ones are being started. This demand will continue o account of the shipping facilities afforded by the railroad, making low grade ores, that could not be worked to advantage here before, profitable.

The railroad too opens up, in a measure, a large tract of country

to the south, for most of the freighting that used to be done from Jimenez for that district, will now start from Parral. There is some talk, too, of extending the rail-road in that direction. There is Guanacevi, a large mining town, Indé, seat of the district government, and El Oro, all more or less open to the Gospel, besides a ~~great many~~ number of smaller towns, but nothing has been done in Gospel work, except one or two trips made by a Bible colporter.

It is quite important that aggressive work be undertaken in these centers, now while other civilizing influences are coming in, and before the vices of civilization become strongly intrenched.

And, lastly, all through the mountains, in the district last named, and in that of Guadalupe y Calvo, Tarahumari Indians are to be found, living in abject ignorance and heathenism, speaking their own tongue, but without a written language or at least with no books extant, and of course entirely ignorant of the Gospel of Christ. Something ought to be done for them. Some of their boys ought to be educated and set to preaching the gospel. Some missionary ought to be sent to live among them, establish schools and churches, in short, evangelize them. And perhaps their language ought to be reduced to ~~writing~~ system, and the Bible translated, unless they can be taught to use Spanish. It is estimated that there are some 50,000 of these Indians in the State of Chihuahua, and yet, I don't believe there is one who has ever heard the message of salvation. In this field at least the harvest is great and the laborers few.

Otis C. Olds

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Iglesias Congregacionales

DEL NORTE DE MEXICO,

Abril 10, 11, 12, y 13 de 1890.

Las Reuniones Tendrán Lugar en la Capilla de la Iglesia de los Primitivos Cristianos, Calle de Mercaderes No. 5.

HIDALGO DEL PARRAL.

Con este objeto, se hace Respectuosa y General Invitación á Todos los que gusten asistir.

PARRAL, 1890

PROGRAMA.

JUEVES, 10 DE ABRIL.

A las 3 de la Tarde.

Culto de Oración, 3 á 3:30.
Informes sobre los trabajos en Sonora, Chihuahua y Jalisco, 3:30 á 5:30.

A las 7 y 30 m de la Noche.

Culto, con Sermón por el Rev. Alfredo C. Wright, Ciudad Juarez.

VIERNES, 11 DE ABRIL.

A las 9 de la Mañana.

Culto de Oración, 9 á 9:30.
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"La Religion y El Dinero"—Ensayo por el Rev. Santiago D. Eaton, Chihuahua, 10:15 á 11.
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DOMINGO, 13 DE ABRIL.

A las 10 de la Mañana.

Estudio Bíblico por toda la Congregación.

A las 11.

Sermon por el Rev. Mateo D. Cráwford.

A las 7 y 30 m de la Noche.

Culto y Sacramento de la Santa Cena, con sermón por el Rev. Enrique M. Bissell.

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La Semana Santa

EN LA CAPILLA DE LA

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1ª CALLE CERRADA, NUM. 1.

CULTOS ESPECIALES

Se celebrarán el JUEVES, VIERNES Y SABADO; y los discursos serán ilustrados con hermosas vistas grandes echadas en un telón, por medio de la

LUZ PODEROSA DEL ESCIOPTICÓN.

Son: la Santa Cena; en el Pretorio; la Crucifixión; Madre dolorosa; Descenso de la Cruz; Mañana de la Resurrección; Ascensión; la Fé al pié de la Cruz.

El Domingo 6 de Abril será celebrada la Cena del Señor, y predicará el Sr. Mateo A. Cráwford, de Sonora.

Respetuosamente se hace invitación al público en general, para asistir á los referidos actos.

Santiago D Eaton.

CHIHUAHUA, Marzo 30 de 1890.

Imp. Miramontes.

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C. JUAREZ, E. DE CHIHUAHUA,

Bajo dirección de las dos sociedades,

LA JUNTA

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Los mejicanos están despertándose para tomar parte en la evangelización del mundo. Hay necesidad de predicadores mejicanos y hay mejicanos que abrigan deseos ardentísimos de obedecer el mandato del Señor cuando dijo "Id por todo el mundo y predicad el Evangelio á toda criatura" (Marcos 16: 15) y precisamente por eso anunciamos la nueva empresa de El Instituto Teológico y Esc. Prep.ª.

OBJETO.

En una palabra es proveer de pastores á las congregaciones evangélicas que están aumentándose en número con tanta rapidez, y á la vez, propagar el Evangelio en las partes que carecen de él.

LA CIUDAD

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s ciencias y las Matemáticas tendrán
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r los jóvenes á "anunciar las buenas
evas." El director se encargará de las
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Durante el año habrá séries de discur-
por los siguientes ministros evangéli-
, sobre los estudios propuestos respec-
amente.

v. Santiago D. Eaton.
(de Chihuahua.)
Teología Sistemática.

v. Alden B. Case.
(de El Parral.)
Historia de la Iglesia.

v. Mateo A. Crawford.
Teología Pastoral y Homilética.

LAS CONDICIONES DE ENTRADA

son: un carácter cristiano: con deseo y propósito firmes de consagrar la vida á predicar el Evangelio de Nuestro Salvador Jesucristo; sumisión libre y voluntaria á los reglamentos del establecimiento.

EXAMENES.

En todas clases se anotarán diariamente las calificaciones y habrá exámenes por escrito cada mes, teniendo lugar los públicos y orales una ó más veces al año.

En otro año se dará á luz un catálogo de la escuela, con calendario, y el curso de estudios con los textos adoptados y lista de los alumnos.

Para otros informes diríjanse al director

ALFREDO C. WRIGHT.

Ciudad Juarez, E. de Chihuahua

El departamento elemental estará bajo la misma dirección y se dará aviso oportuno cuando comienzen las clases.

Alfred C Wright
Sept 1 1890
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ESCUELA DE 1ª Y 2ª

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—PARA—

Niños y Niñas.

CIUDAD JUAREZ, MEXICO.

A. C WRIGHT. STA. MANUELA H. FIELD.

En casa del Sr. Leahy, situada en la esquina de la calle del Chamizal.

SEPTIEMBRE 1890.

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DEPARTAMENTO ELEMENTAL

Tenemos la honra de participar al público que en este plantel se abrirán las clases el dia 8 de Septiembre, y que en él habrá las mejores ventajas para la educación de la juventud.

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Se reciben alumnos de AMBOS SEXOS, pero las niñas tendrán distintos apartamentos, como tambien distintas horas de entrada y salida de los niños.

Nuestro objeto es poner al alcance de todo padre de familia de esta ciudad una buena educacion para sus hijos, y elevar intelectual y moralmente al pueblo mexicano. Por eso LAS CONDICIONES de pago serán las más favorables posible. Para niños de 6 á 11 años pedimos solo dos pesos mensuales adelantados, pero esto no incluye los gastos de libros Cuando haya mas de un alumno de una misma familia se hará una rebaja proporcional. Para los de mayor edad el precio será según los estudios que sigan. Se enseñará el Inglés á todos los alumnos que deseen aprender este idioma, y habrá clases de Inglés, á precios con

ıcionales, para las demas personas que quieran aprovecharse de ellas.

MUSICA. La señorita profesora de la escuela, dará á un número li-
tado de niñas lecciones de piano. Los padres que deseen poner á
s hijas bajo la instrucción de dicha profesora deberán hablarle á lo
ıs pronto, porque no puede recibir á muchas.

Por más pormenores diríjanse al director, en la oficina en la misma
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ALFREDO C. WRIGHT.

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SEA LEVEL

WE announce to you every month in this folder a line that is undoubtedly long—as all trans-continental lines necessarily are—but which is as short as any and equipped precisely as stated. The greater part is **rock-ballasted** (broken stone rammed hard). **It is all laid with heavy steel rails. The steel tire paper wheels, the Miller platforms for every car, the Westinghouse automatic air brakes** are things so old with us that for a long time we forgot to mention that we had them. **There is no modern improvement of demonstrated utility that has not been adopted by the A., T. & S. F. Road.** By the acquisition of new facilities and the building of a new line we have lately come forward as **the direct middle route to San Diego**, all the beautiful coast cities of **Southern California** and to **San Francisco**. The **Santa Fe Route** has got, and will most certainly keep, a fair proportion of all trans-continental travel. We have no hesitation in saying that if we could get it all we should somehow manage to pull through with it on time. We do not maintain any snow sheds as a picturesque and striking feature of the journey. We do not freeze up. Our trains are not delayed, and are equipped with every convenience and luxury of modern travel, and, passing through a succession of climates the most brilliant in the world and through scenery unsurpassed in any country, our main reliance for the steady business which must be ours by the year, and upon which we may by close management possibly thrive, must be by making only such statements to the public as we are able to bear out in fact. It is only necessary to remember one truth—the oldest in all business experience—that humbug only answers for enterprises purely ephemeral. Railroad tracks must stay. If we never get the remaining moiety of tourist and trans-continental travel it will not be through want of facilities for carrying it **every day in the year.**

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Atlantic Express, the corresponding east-bound train, has the same Pullman service.

COLORADO EXPRESS,

Leaving Kansas City daily at 10.15 p. m., carries two Pullman Sleepers—one runs through to Pueblo without change, where connection is made with D. & R. G. trains carrying Pullman Sleepers to **Leadville** and **Denver.** One to **Arkansas City** without change, daily, for passengers to **Wichita, Kingman, Caldwell, Winfield, Wellington, Arkansas City, etc.**

New York Express, the corresponding east-bound train, has the same Pullman service from Pueblo and Arkansas City.

DENVER AND UTAH EXPRESS,

Leaving Kansas City daily at 11.15 a. m., carries a Pullman Sleeper, running through to **Denver** via Pueblo and Colorado Springs. At Pueblo connection is made with Denver & Rio Grande Express Train, which carries Pullman Sleepers without change to **Salt Lake City** and **Ogden.**

Eastern Express, the corresponding east-bound train, has the same Pullman service from Denver, and makes connections at Pueblo with D. & R. G. express train carrying Pullman Sleepers from Ogden and Salt Lake.

PULLMAN RATES.

KANSAS CITY	Berth.	Section.	KANSAS CITY	Berth.	Section.
To Wichita	$2.00	$4 00	To Los Angeles	$11.50	$23.00
" Arkansas City	2.50	5.00	" San Diego	13.50	27 00
" Pueblo	4 00	8.00	" Mojave	11.50	23.00
" Denver	4.00	8 00	" San Francisco	14.00	28 00
" Ogden	8.00	16 00	" Deming	7.00	14.00
" Las Vegas	6.00	12 00	" Tucson	9.00	18.00
" Albuquerque	6.50	13 00	" El Paso	7.00	14.00
" Barstow	11.00	22 00	" Chihuahua	9.00	18.00
" Colton	11 50	23.00	" City of Mexico	16 00	32 00

Los Angeles to San Francisco, Berth, $2.50; Section, $5.00.

BAGGAGE REGULATIONS.

SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.

150 pounds of baggage will be checked free on each full ticket and 75 p on each one-half ticket to all points on or reached via the A., T. & S. F. R Colorado, Utah, Nevada, California, New Mexico, Arizona and Old Mexic to local points on Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad. Excess weig be charged for at regular tariff rates.

IN MEXICO.—150 pounds of baggage will be checked free by the M Central Railway on each whole through ticket, 75 pounds on each half Owing to Custom House regulations, baggage will be checked to El Paso, only, where it will be re-checked, in the Union Depot of the A., T. & S. F and Mexican Central Ry., to destination of ticket. Travelers to Mexico, the benefit of the baggage allowance of 150 pounds on full tickets, and 75 p on half tickets, should purchase through tickets from points north and the United States via the Santa Fe Route, as the free baggage allowance o tickets on the Mexican Central Ry. is only 15 kilograms, or about 30 pounds

NEW LINES.

OSAGE CITY EXTENSION.

WESTWARD. Accom. B	WESTWARD. Passenger. B	Distance from Quenemo	STATIONS.	EASTWARD. Passenger. B	EASTWARD. Acc
	9.45 am	.0	Lv. **Quenemo** S.K.Dep.Ar	4 25 pm	
	9.47 "	0.7	Quenemo Pass. Depot	4 23 "	
	10.00 "	5.1	Deavers	4.10 "	
	10.17 "	10.7	Lyndon	3.53 "	
	10.45 am	20.0	Ar. **Osage City** Lv.	3.25 pm	

LITTLE RIVER EXTENSION.

WESTWARD. Acc'mod'n. B	Distance from Atchison	STATIONS.	EASTWARD. Acc'mod'n. B
8.50 pm	223.0	Lv. **Little River** Ar	7 55 am
9.14 "	229.2	Galt	7.32 "
9 42 "	236.6	Thomas	7.02 "
10.30 pm	249.3	Ar. **Holyrood** Lv.	6.15 am

HUTCHINSON EXTENSION.

WESTWARD. Passenger. B	Distance from Atchison	STATIONS.	EASTWARD. Passenger. B
9.10 am	218.2	Lv. **Hutchinson** Ar.	6.45 pm
9.40 "	229.0	Partridge	6.16 "
9.55 "	235.1	Abbyville	6 01 "
10 11 "	240.4	Plevna	5.46 "
10.25 "	246.3	Sylvia	5.32 "
10.54 "	257.0	Stafford	5.04 "
11.16 "	265.9	St. John	4.40 "
11.47 am	277.6	Macksville	4.10 "
12 06 pm	284.9	Belpre	3.52 "
12.30 "	293.3	Lewis	3.30 "
12 55 pm	302.1	Ar. **Kinsley** Lv.	3.05 pm

GREAT BEND EXTENSION.

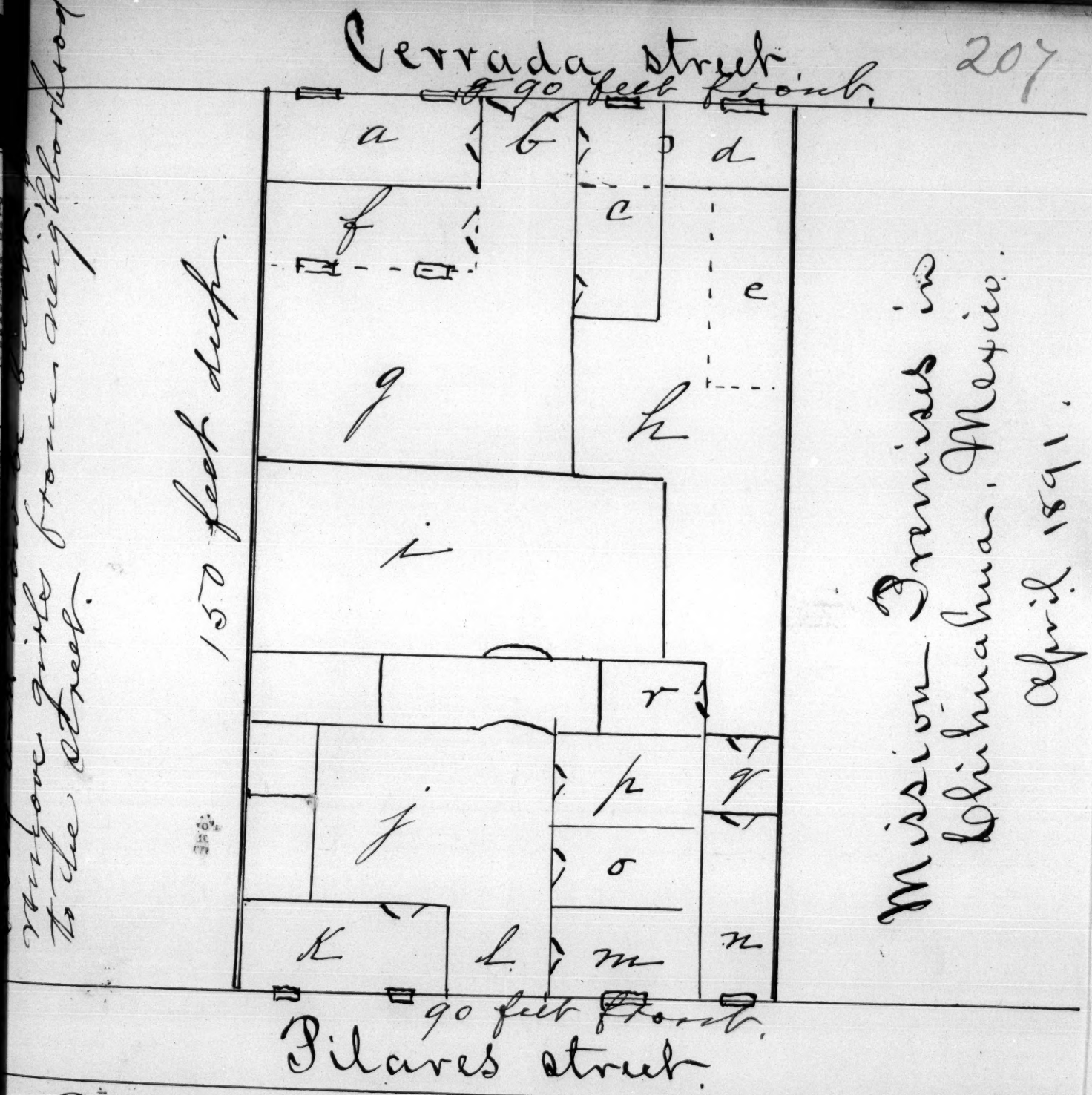
WESTWARD. Accom. B	WESTWARD. Passenger. B	Distance from Atchison	STATIONS.	EASTWARD. Passenger. B	EASTWARD. Acc
	11.20 am	269.6	Lv. **Great Bend** Ar.	10 50 am	
	11.45 am	277.8	Heizer	10.26 "	
	12.07 pm	284.9	Albert	10.04 "	
	12.36 "	294.0	Timken	9.36 "	
	1.00 "	301.8	Rush Centre	9.13 "	
	1.30 "				
	1.50 "	308.6	Nekoma	8.53 "	
	2.08 "	314.7	Alexander	8.34 "	
	2.31 "	322.3	Bazine	8.12 "	
	3.05 pm	333.9	Ar. **Ness City** Lv.	7.35 am	

LARNED EXTENSION.

WESTWARD Acc'mod'n. B	Distance from Atchison	STATIONS.	EASTWARD Acc'mod'n. B
5.00 pm	291.9	Lv. **Larned** Ar.	11.45 am
5.30 "	298.6	Sage	11.15 "
6.45 pm	315.8	Ar. **Burdett** Lv.	10.00 am

MULVANE EXTENSION.

WESTWARD. Passenger B	Distance from Atchison	STATIONS.	EASTWARD. Passenger B
9.30 am	227.8	Lv. **Mulvane** Ar.	6.30 pm
10 00 "	237.6	Hukle	6.00 "
10 16 "	242.7	Clearwater	5.45 "
10 40 "	250.5	Viola	5 20 "
10.55 "	255.2	Anness	5.05 "
11.15 am	262.0	Norwich	4.45 "
12.10 pm	275.2	Rago	3.50 "
12.30 pm	279.3	Ar. **Spivey** Lv.	3.30 pm



a. Present chapel.
b. Wide hall-way
c. d. present day-school rooms,
e. "I" to be built later.
f. new school-room.
h. school courts.
i. courts.
j. entrance to residence.

k. Eatons' parlor
o. ladies' parlor
r. + n. present dormitories.
g. Girls' (boarders) Kitchen
p. " dining-room
m. Office.

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La Directora y Profesoras

DE LA

Escuela Evangelica Congregacional

DE GUADALAJARA.

SUPLICAN *á Ud. se digne concurrir á los Ejercicios Literarios que se verificarán en dicha escuela el Viernes* 1º *de Agosto de* 1890, *á las siete de la noche, en el orden que á continuación se expresa.*

PROGRAMA.

MÚSICA.	*"Trabajad."*	Por la Escuela.
ORACION.		
RECITACION.	*Proverbios III.*	Por la Escuela.
MÚSICA.	*"Jehová es mi Pastor."*	" "
RECITACION.	*"Virtud y Ciencia."*	Refugio Vivero.
"	*Versos á la Niñez.*	Sara Robles.
MÚSICA.	*"Tick, Tock, Hear the Clock."*	Por la Escuela.
RECITACION.	*Poesía.*	Clarisa de la Mora.
"	*"El Alfiler."*	Elena Vásquez.
MÚSICA INSTRUMENTAL.	*The Iron Boot, Quick-Step.*	Rebeca Delgadillo.
"	*"The Kitty and the Mousie."*	Niñas del Kindergarten.
RECITACION.	*"El Mono y el Gato."*	Elena Diaz.
MÚSICA.	*Swissland.*	Clases 1ª y 2ª
Discurso.	*"El Saber."*	María Magdaleno.
RECITACION.	*"La Virtud."*	Justa López.
MÚSICA.	*"Cuán Amable es Sion."*	Por la Escuela.
RECITACION.	*"La Juventud."*	Matilde Hernández.
"	*"Dedicatoria á la Patria."*	Aurelia Ramírez.
"	*"El Pajarillo Alegre."* Por las niñas:	Rubén Aranda, Venancia Camarena, Cisa Behn, Carmelita Behn, María de la Mora, Bertha Howland.
CANTO.	*Duo, The Minute Gun at Sea.*	Sra. Arrington. Srita. Háskins.
RECITACIÓN.	*"El Estudio."*	Emilia Sandoval.
"	*"Little Lights."*	Clases 3ª y 4ª
"	*"México."*	Victoriana Tatengo.

MÚSICA.	*"We'll all rise up together."*	Niñas del Kindergarten.
DISCURSO.	*"La Sacerdotiza del Hogar."*	Rebeca Delgadillo.
RECITACION.	*"Los Pastorcillos de Belén."*	Elena Diaz.
CANTO.	*"Fly Forth, O Gentle Dove."*	Por la Sra. Árrington.
DIÁLOGO.	*"El Dedal Perdido."*	Juana Venegas y María Ontiveros.
RECITACION.	*"El Pleito de los Colores."*	Mela Dávalos.
MÚSICA.	*"Caridad, Cuán pura y Santa."*	Escuela.
DIÁLOGO.	*"How the Rat Rang the Bell."* 1ª 2ª	Clase de Inglés.
DISCURSO.	*"El Trabajo."*	Herlinda Rivera.
RECITACION.	*"A las Condiscípulas."*	Luisa de la Mora.
MÚSICA.	*"Cold Water, Cold water for Me."*	Escuela.
LECTURA ESCOGIDA.	*"Only a Soldier."*	Srita. J. de la Mora.

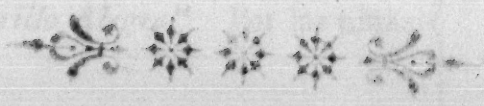
Distribucion de Premios.

ISABEL M. HÁSKINS.

CALLE DE STO. DOMINGO, NÚM. 27.

Guadalajara, Agosto 1º de 1890.

Total number enrolled during the year 40,



School Examinations.

Wed. P.M.- and Thursday
Friday A.M. Exam. of
school from Zapotlanejo.
Friday P.M. Literary
Exercises of same school,
preceeding those of printed
program.

Aug. 10 Examination of
school in Tlajomulco.
School reopened.
Oct. 2nd '89.

Escuela Evangelica Congregacional.

PROGRAMA.

INVOCACIÓN. *Por la Escuela.*
MÚSICA. "At Our Work We Are Always Singing." „
Salmo XC y XCI. „
MÚSICA. "No Cedas á la Tentación." „
RECITACIÓN. "El Trabajo." *José Cortez.*
„ "La Patria." *Clarisa de la Mora.*
„ "El Otoño." *Aurelio Mundo.*
„ "Lo que hizo una Telaraña." *Julia Diaz.*
MÚSICA. "Dream March." *Herlinda Rivera.*
RECITACIÓN. "La Escuela." *Aurelia Ramírez.*
"La Ciudad Asentada sobre un Monte" *Soledad Carrillo.*
„ "Don Crispin." *Antonio Navedo.*
„ "Un Alfabeto Bíblico." *Por la Escuela.*
MÚSICA. "We Mean to Live all Right." „
RECITACIÓN. "La Noche Buena." *Luisa de la Mora.*
„ "La Pereza y el Estudio." *Canuta Mundo.*
„ "Versos á la *Patria.*" *Francisco Cortez.*
„ "The Animal Kingdom." *Por la Escuela.*
MÚSICA. Una Cadena. „
RECITACIÓN. "Los Dos Conejos." *Elena Vásquez.*
„ "Los Buques al Mar." *Elias Pérez.*
"El Año Nuevo." Por las Niñas, *Maria de la Mora. Cisa Behn. Bertha Howland. Venancia Camarena. Justa López.*
MÚSICA. "Beautiful Day." *Por tres niñas.*
RECITACIÓN. "By and By." Por las Niñas. *Luisa Mora. Elena Vásquez. Elena Diaz. Julia Diaz.*
„ "La Instrucción." *Herlinda Rivera.*
CANTO. "O Morning Land."
Por la Sra. Arrington y la Srita. Haskins.
DIÁLOGO. "La Reina de las Flores."
Por las Niñas, *Herlinda Rivera, Clarisa de la Mora, Gumesinda Mundo, Victoriana Tatengo, y Elena Diaz.*
MÚSICA. "Keep in Time." *Por la Escuela.*
LECTURA ESCOGIDA, en Inglés.
"The Light House." *Por la Srita. Josefa de la Mora.*
SALMO CXLVII. *Por la Escuela.*
MÚSICA. "TENED VALOR." „
CANTO. "The Kerry Dance." Por la Sra. de Arrington.
Distribución de Premios.

Isabel M. Haskins, Directora.
Josefa de la Mora, Preceptora.

Á las tres de la tarde. Agosto 2 de 1889.
Calle de Sto. Domingo, Núm. 27.
GUADALAJARA.

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MIEMBROS

DE LA

Iglesia Evangelica

Congregacional

DE

GUADALAJARA.

—*Diciembre* 31 *de* 1889.—

Cipriano Abundio.
Felipe Arana. [Hurtado.]

Ascención Carrillo.
Feliciano Carrillo.
Vicente Carrillo.
Refugio Sánchez de Cortez.
Cecilia Santa Cruz.

Juan Dávalos.
Álvaro Dávalos.
Feliciano Diaz.
Lorenzo Diaz.
Miguel Diaz.
Juana Abundis de Diaz.
Nicolasa Velazco de Diaz.

Antonio González.
Gavina Rivera de González.
Eduarda Martínez de González.
Feliciano González.
Manuel González.
Pablo González.
Pablo González.
Inés de González.
Refugio Campos de González.

Florentino Hernández.
Jacinto Hernández.
Jacinta Zavala de Hernández.
Luis Hernández.
Luisa Banda de Hernández.
Matilde Hernández.

José Lara.
Esther Paz de Lara.
Abraham López.
Ciriaco López.
Isidora Zanabria de López.

Francisco Magdaleno.
Miguel Magdaleno.
Apolonia López de Magdaleno.
María Magdaleno.
Pilar Meza.
Rosa García de Meza.

Josefa de la Mora.

† Nicasio Pérez.
Calixto Pérez.

† Cleofas Ramos.
Catalina Hernández de Ramos.
†Seferino Rincón.
Jorge Rios.
Herlinda Rivera.
Lorenza Robles.
Cenobio Rodríguez.
Ponciano Rodríguez.
Rosendo Rodríguez.
†José de la Rosa.

Aurelio Sánchez.
Guadalupe Sánchez.
Justa López de Sánchez.
María Sánchez.
Tomasa Sánchez.
Ildefonso Sánchez.
Pablo R. Suárez.

Victoriana Tatengo.

Carlota Valdivia.
* Conrado Valdivia.
Juan Valdivia.

Pedro Valdivia.
Luz de Valdivia.
Victor Velázquez.
Octaviano Venegas.

†DIFUNTOS.
* DIMITIDO.

CIUDAD JUAREZ, MEXICO,
Jan. 13, 1892.

My Dear Friend: Last September I began teaching in Spanish. I knew so little of the language that it took a great deal of time to prepare the lessons. The text-books in Spanish are so poor that I have had to do considerable translating. All of these things have been a great help in learning the language.

We have thirteen Mexican youth preparing for the ministry, and two younger boys who, we hope, will choose the same life work. Besides these boarders we have had eight day pupils, who are in lower grades than the boarders, thus multiplying the classes. We have about decided to give up these day pupils, as it is impossible to give them sufficient attention. We have had to refuse several girls from Catholic families because we had neither time nor room for them.

I wish I could tell you something of the spirit of willingness and faithfulness which prevails in the school and makes it a pleasure to teach. Although the majority of the students are under twenty, they have definite ideas of Christian work and can tell the "old story" with much power, for they are so dead in earnest. Their Y. P. S. C. E. has recently begun an important work in a most wretched Mexican Catholic settlement in El Paso, Texas, which is already successful.

I wish you could go with us some Sunday; wade through sand ankle-deep around among the scattered adobe (sun-dried brick) houses, which have dirt floors and small holes where the windows ought to be, or more often not even holes, and see the dirty, barefooted children with their parents sitting in the sand on the sunny side of the house to keep warm. At last you would see our chapel, a small, rectangular adobe building with a flat roof and four real glass windows; inside an attentive audience of over fifty Mexicans.

During vacation the students did special religious work in visiting, distributing tracts, etc. They were requested to hand in reports of their work, all of which are very interesting. I will translate a part of one:

> "I also take pleasure in manifesting that God has heaped blessings upon me in that I have made a dear friend see that he has a soul and needs to save it. Finally, he promised me that he would come to services, if possible, and thanks to God, that he has not failed a single night in this week of prayer, and I hope that God may fill him with His benedictions, that he may follow Him with much bravery. He told me the night of January 6 that he wished to be baptized and to be a son of God."

It is more a time of seed-sowing than of reaping. We need your prayers for this people, and for all of us in the school, that we may sow the seed in the morning, and in the evening withhold not our hands. Very sincerely,

DORRIE STAHL.

ANNUAL TABULAR VIEW, No. I., FOR THE YEAR

☞ To be sent to the Missionary House as soon as possible after the close of the year. ☜

Name of the Mission,

Ciudad Juarez. Jan 13 1

Newspaper Letter.

STATIONS AND OUT-STATIONS.

☞ Give the Stations in their order, and then the Out-Stations, showing on what Stations these are dependent.

Missionaries.	
Physicians not ordained.	
Other Male Assistants.	
Females.	
Totals.	

LABORERS EMPLOYED.

American.	Native.
Pastors.	
Licensed Preachers.	
School Teachers.	
Other Helpers.	
Totals.	

CHURCHES AND

No. of Churches.	
Rec'd on Profession of Faith this year.	
Rec'd on Certificate f'm other Churches.	
Dismissed.	
Died.	
Excommunicated.	
No. of Female Members.	

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VELADA LITERARIA

→ y × Distribucion × de × Premios. ←

Viernes 2 de Septiembre de 1892,
a las siete de la noche,

PROGRAMA.

Música Instrumental,	*"Bella Rosa."*	Srita. Catalina Gómez.
Música,	*"This be our motto."* (Nuestro Lema: Fiel, Firme y Verdadero.)	Escuela.
Invocación.		
Recitación,	*Proverbios xv.*	Escuela.
Música,	*"¡Despierta Ya!"*	Escuela.
Recitación.	*Poesía.*	Luisa de la Mora.
Diálogo,	*"Los Tres Cedazos."*	Cristina Hernández. Angela Pérez.
Música,	*"A Farmer Boy."* (El Joven Ranchero.)	Escuela.
Recitación,	*"Haced Bien á Todos."*	Natalia Arana.
Lectura,	*"La Botella y la Víbora."*	Sara Robles.
Recitación,	*"Estudiad."*	Margarita Camarena.
Canto,	*"Sognai,"* por Schira.	Sra. de Lewis.
Recitación,	*"Work and Play"* (Trabajad y Jugad.)	Frank Mc Crea.
Lectura,	*"La Fidelidad."*	Mela Dávalos.
Música,	*"The Workers."* (Los Trabajadores.)	Frank Lewis. Bryce Scoggins. Arthur Mc Crea. Millie Lewis. y otros niños.
Recitación,	*"La Limpieza"*	Isabel Arana.
Recitación,	*"La Escuela."*	Julia Diaz.
Música,	*Canción Alemana.*	Kindergarten.
Canto,	*"Ehren on the Rhine."*	Sra. M. de Arrington.
Recitación,	*El Alfabeto."*	Kindergarten.
Discurso,	*"Lo Infinito."*	Matilde Hernández.
Música,	*"Songs of the Birds."* (Canciones de los Pájaros.)	Kindergarten.
Lectura,	*"Impetu de Ira."*	Elena Vásquez.
Recitación,	*Poesía.*	Tomasa Pérez.
Recitación,	*"La Zorra."*	María Camacho.

Música,	"*A Wonderful House Have I.*" (Una Casa Maravillosa Tengo Yo.)	Kindergarten.
Recitación,	"Después de la Lluvia."	María Venegas.
Discurso,	"El Alma."	Srita. Catalina Gómez.
Recitación,	Salmo de la Vida.	Victoriana Tatengo.
Canto,	"Non é ver."	Profesor Lewis.
Recitación,	"*Little by Little.*" (Poco á Poco.)	1 Bryce Scóggins. 2 Isabel Arana. 3 Juana Venegas 4 Berta Howland 5 Julia Diaz
"Un Muchacho Como Hay Muchos."		Juana Venegas
Música,	"¡Adelante!"	Escuela.
Recitación,	"Los Pájaros."	María Sánchez.
Recitación,	"*They Didn't Think.*" (No Pensaban.)	Arthur Mc Crea.
Recitación,	"¿Cuál?"	Elena Diaz
Canto,	Duo, "La Serenata," Rossini.	Prof. y Sra. Lewis.
Lectura,	"*Carving a Name*" (Grabando un Nombre.	Srita. Josefa de la Mora.
Recitación,	Salmo xxiv.	Escuela.
Música Instrumental,		Sra. de Lewis.

DISTRIBUCION DE PREMIOS.

Calle de San Felipe, Numero 21.

Total number enrolled 74
Boarders 25 to 31.

Tip. "El Testigo."

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INAUGURACION

DEL NUEVO

TEMPLO CONMEMORATIVO

DE LA IGLESIA

DE LA

SANTISIMA TRINIDAD

Chihuahua, Noviembre 12 de 1892.

SANTIAGO D. EATON,
MINISTRO.

IMP. MIRAMONTES.

PROGRAMA.

1º —Obertura, "El Poeta y el Aldeano" [Fr. von Suppé], ejecutada por la Orquesta.

2º —Discurso por el Sr. Tito Arriola.

3º —Cuarteto, "Roca de los Siglos" [Wárren], por las Sras. de Páschal é Eaton y los Sres. Olds y Martínez.

4º —Discurso por el Sr. Prof. José G. Zapata.

5º —Opera sin palabras, [Beriot] Adagio núm. 2, por la Orquesta.

6º —Memorias de la Sra. **ADELINE BARNES PRATT.**

7º —Solo, "Eternal Rest" [Piccolomini], por la Sra. Ladie N. de Páschal.

8º —Lectura Bíblica, por el Sr. Alfredo C. Wright y la Congregación.

Oh Dios, en santidad es tu camino. ¿Quién es Dios grande, como el Dios nuestro?
Esperamos, oh Dios, tu misericordia en medio de tu templo.

Si Jehová no edificare la casa,
En vano trabajan los que la edifican.

Grandes cosas ha hecho Jehová con nosotros; seremos alegres.
Ninguna palabra, de todas sus buenas promesas, ha faltado.

Sea con nosotros Jehová nuestro Dios, como fue con nuestros padres,
Y no nos desampare, ni nos deje.

Haciendo inclinar nuestro corazón á sí, para que andemos en todos sus caminos,
Y guardemos sus mandamientos, los cuales mandó á nuestros padres.

Oirás pues la oración de tu siervo, y de tu pueblo Israel, cuando oraren en este lugar;
También tu lo oirás en el lugar de tu habitación, desde los cielos; que oigas y perdones.

Tuya, oh Jehová, es la magnificencia y la fuerza y la gloria y la victoria y el honor.
Porque todas las cosas que están en los cielos y en la tierra, son tuyas. Tuyo, oh Jehová, es el reino y la altura sobre todos los que son por cabezas.

Jehová Dios nuestro, toda esta abundancia que habemos aparejado, para edificarte casa á tu santo nombre,
De tu mano es, y todo es tuyo.

¿Es verdad que Dios haya de morar sobre la tierra? He aquí los cielos, los cielos de los cielos, no te comprenden. ¡Cuánto menos esta casa que yo he edificado!
Así dijo el Alto y Sublime, el que habita en eternidad, y cuyo nombre es el Santo; Que tengo por morada la altura y la santidad; y con el quebrantado y abatido de espíritu habito.

Bienaventurados los que habitan en tu casa;
Perpetuamente te alabarán.

Haya paz en tu antemuro, descanso en tus palacios.
A causa de mis hermanos y mis compañeros hablaré ahora paz de tí.

Jehová guardará tu salida y tu entrada,
Desde ahora y hasta siempre.

Alabadle con cuerdas y órgano.
Cantores, con músicos de flauta, estarán allí.

Cada día te bendeciré;
Y alabaré tu nombre por el siglo y para siempre.

9º —Himno.

Al trono majestuoso,
Del Dios omnipotente,
Humildes vuestra frente,
Naciones, inclinad.

El es el Sér supremo,
Señor de cuanto existe;
Y nada al fin resiste
Al grande Jehová.

Del polvo de la tierra
Formónos complacida
Su mano, y diónos vida
Su aliento creador.

Y al vernos después ciegos,
En la maldad sumidos,
Cual padre á hijos queridos,
Salud nos proveyó.

La gratitud sincera
Nos dictará canciones,
Y en coro dulces sones
Al cielo subirán;

Con los celestes himnos
Armónica alianza
Formando, su alabanza
Doquier resonará.

Señor, á tu palabra
Los mundos obedecen,
Y del mortal perecen
La ciencia y altivez.

Tu amor y verdad solos
En nada habrán menguado,
Después que hayan cesado
Los siglos de correr.

10º —Acto de Dedicación.

(*Poniéndose en pié todos los concurrentes*).

PASTOR: Al Rey de los siglos, inmortal, invisible, al sólo sabio Dios;
Al Padre todopoderoso, Señor de infinita majestad,
A Jesu-Cristo, el Hijo, nuestro Salvador,
Al Espíritu Santo, dador de luz y vida;

PUEBLO: *Dedicamos esta casa.*

PASTOR: Para el culto divino,
Para la celebración de los santos sacramentos,
Para la predicación del evangelio,
Para la honra de la ley de Dios;
Para la alabanza del amor de Dios;

PUEBLO: *Dedicamos esta casa.*

PASTOR: Para inculcar la verdad,
Para guardar la fe,
Para ayudar á la vida cristiana,
Para fortificar á los débiles,
Para consolar á los que lloran,
Para promover la pureza y dignidad de la familia,
Para resistir todo mal;

PUEBLO: *Dedicamos esta casa.*

PASTOR: Para todos los objetos de una iglesia cristiana, sin distinción de personas,
Para la cooperación y fraternidad de todos los cristianos,
Para la promoción de los intereses de nuestra ciudad,
Para todo esfuerzo por elevar á los degradados, socorrer á los desamparados y salvar á los perdidos,
Para apresurar el día en que todo el mundo conocerá al Señor;

PUEBLO: *Dedicamos esta casa.*

PASTOR: Como tributo de amor y gratitud, una ofrenda expontánea de alabanza y acción de gracias, de aquellos que han gustado la copa de Tu Salud, y experimentado las riquezas de Tu Gracia;

PUEBLO: *Nosotros, los miembros de esta iglesia y congregación, consagrándonos de nuevo, dedicamos este edificio, en el nombre del Padre y del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo. Amén.*

11.º —Canto por el cuarteto.

12.º —Oración de Consagración, por el Sr. Otis C. Olds.

13.º —Duo, "Oí la voz del Salvador", (Campanoni), por las Sras. Páschal é Eaton.

14.º —Sermón por el Señor Juan Howland.

15.º —Himno,

Oye la voz, Señor,
Que el pueblo con ardor
Eleva á tí;
Clama con ansiedad,
Pidiendo libertad
Para echar la impiedad
Lejos de sí.

De tu pueblo el clamor
Acoge, oh Redentor,
En tu bondad,
Santísimo Jesús;
Y al par haz que tu cruz
Dé á sus almas la luz
De libertad.

Libre quiere adorar
Tu nombre sin cesar
El pueblo, oh Dios.
Haz que todo poder
Opuesto á tu querer,
Te venga á obedecer
Y oiga tu voz.

Libra á tu pueblo aquí,
Que humilde viene á tí,
De esclavitud;
Muéstrale dulce faz,
Y en él abundar haz
Consuelo, gozo, paz,
Gracia y virtud.

Secretario
Juan A. Clubes
México

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SOLEMNE DEDICACION

DEL

NUEVO EDIFICIO

de la iglesia del

Divino Redentor.

Frente al Jardin de Santo Domingo,

GUADALAJARA.

Enero 14 de 1893.

PROGRAMA.

MUSICA.

INVOCACION, por el Rev. Mateo A. Cráwford.

HIMNO. *"Gloria á la Divina Trinidad."*

1. Á nuestro Padre Dios
Demos en alta voz,
Gloria á Él.
Tal nos amó que dió
Al Hijo que murió,
En quien confío yo;
Gloria á Él.

2. Á nuestro Salvador
Démos con fé loor;
Gloria á Él
Su sangre derramó,
Con ella me lavó
El cielo me abrió:
Gloria á Él.

3. Espíritu de Dios,
Elevo á Tí mi voz:
Gloria á Tí,
Con celestial fulgor
Muéstrame el amor
De Cristo, mi Señor:
¡Gloria á Tí!

4. Con gozo y amor
Cantemos con fervor.
Al Trino Dios!
En la Eternidad
Mora la Trinidad;
¡Por siempre alabad
Al Trino Dios!

EL CREDO, repetido por la congregación, en unión con el Rev. Otis C. Olds:——

Creo en Dios Padre todopoderoso creador del cielo y la tierra. Y en Jesu-Cristo su ùnico Hijo, Señor Nuestro, que fué concebido por obra del Espíritu Santo, y nació de la Virgen María; padeció debajo del poder de Poncio Pilato, fué crucificado, muerto y sepultado; al tercero dia resucitó de entre los muertos; subió á los cielos, y está sentado á la diestra de Dios Padre todopoderoso; desde allí ha de venir á juzgar á los vivos y á los muertos:
Creo en el Espíritu Santo:
La Santa Iglesia Católica:
La comunión de los Santos:
El perdón de los pecados:
La resurrección de la carne:
Y la vida perdurable. Amén.

Lectura Biblica Alternativa, por el Rev. Enrique M. Bíssell; y la congregación:——

El Señor está en su Santo Templo,
Calle delante de Él toda la tierra.
Me he alegrado en esto, que se me ha dicho: Á la casa del Señor iremos,
Para alabar el nombre del Señor.
Señor, he amado la hermosura de tu casa,
Y el lugar de la morada de tu gloria.
En la muchedumbre de tu misericordia entraré en tu casa.
Adoraré hacia tu santo templo con temor de tí.
Encorvaos al Señor en la hermosura de su santuario.
Venid, adoremos y postrémosnos y lloremos, delante del Señor que nos ha criado.
Dad al Señor la gloria debida á su nombre,
Humillaos al Señor en su glorioso santuario.
Atribuid al Señor la gloria de su nombre, traed presente y venid delante de él.
Postraos delante del Señor en la hermosura de su salud.
¿Quién subirá al Monte del Señor y quién estará en su lugar santo?
El inocente de manos y de corazon limpio, este recibirá bendiciones del Señor, y misericordia de Dios, Salvador suyo.
Mi pie ha estado en rectitud.
En las congregaciones bendeciré al Señor.
Dios que hizo el mundo y todas las cosas que hay en él, este, como es el Señor del cielo y de la tierra no habita en templos hechos de manos.
Dios es Espíritu y los que le adoran, en espíritu y en verdad es menester que le adoren.
Mi casa, casa de oración será llamada de todos los pueblos.
Vamos á orar y oremos en la presencia del Señor.
Así dijo el Alto y Sublime, el que habita en la eternidad

y cuyo nombre es el Santo: Que tengo por morada la altura y la santidad,

Y con el quebrantado y abatido habito.

Ahora. O Dios, estén abiertos tus ojos y atentos tus oidos á la oración en este lugar.

He elegido y santificado esta casa para que esté en ella mi Nombre para siempre y mis ojos y mi corazón estarán allí para siempre.

Vosotros también, como piedras vivas, sed edificados para ser una casa espiritual, un sacerdocio santo, para ofrecer sacrificios espirituales, agradables á Dios, por medio de Jesu-Cristo.

Edificados sobre el fundamento de los Apóstoles y de los Profetas, siendo el mismo Jesu-Cristo la principal piedra angular.

HIMNO: *Dedicación del Templo.*

[Escrito expresamente para esta ocasión.]

1. O Redentor Divino,
De quien los bienes son,
Tù sabes el gran gozo
De cada corazón.
Nuestro nuevo templo,
Sus muros alza á Tí;
Y gratas canciones
Se elevan hoy aquí.

2. El vasto universo
Tu santo templo es,
Y toda la tierra,
Estrado de tus pies.
Bendice esta casa,
Acepta nuestro loor,
Y da á tus fieles
Tu paz y tu amor.

3. Tù eres la cabeza,
La piedra principal,
En vano rugen en contra
Los príncipes del mal.
En Tí bien cimentados,
Sus muros durarán;
Y alabanzas miles
Siempre se darán.

4. La Iglesia militante
Aquí luchando va;
La Iglesia triunfante
Gozando ya está.
Mil santos y profetas
Han muerto en la fe.
¡Oh qué honor, tan grande,
Unirnos con tu grey!

Written by Mrs. Howland.

ORACION DE DEDICACION; por el Rev. Alfredo C. Wright.

ALOCUCION A LA IGLESIA, por el pastor el Rev. Juan Howland.

MUSICA.

SERMON, por el Rev. Santiago D. Eaton.

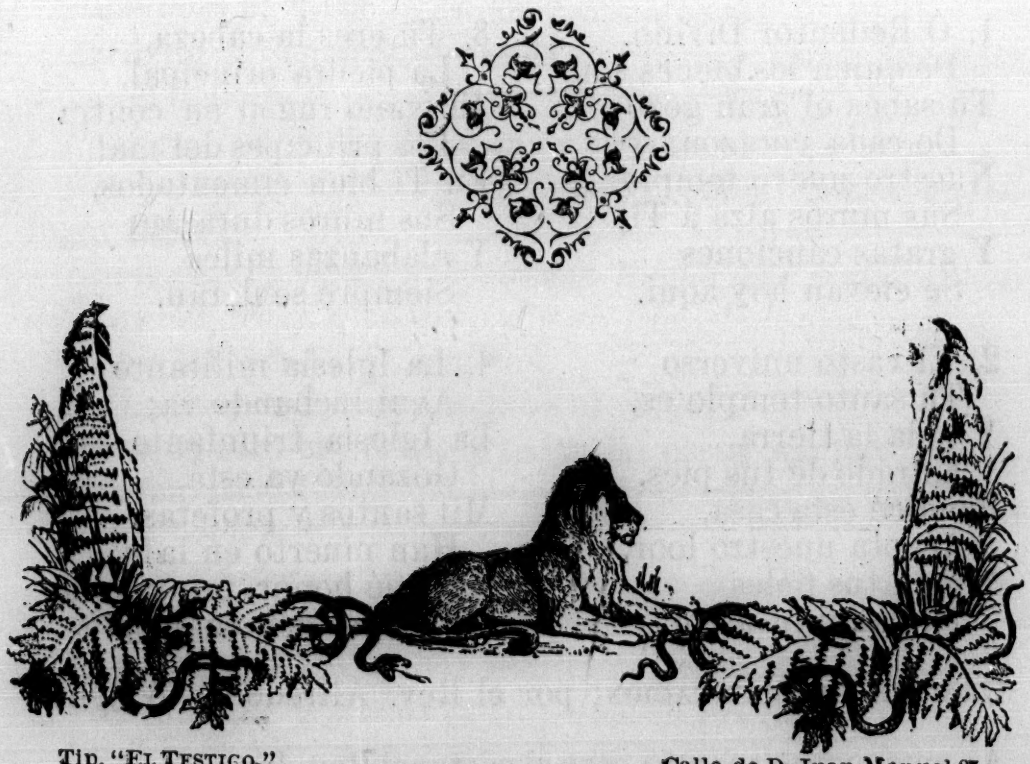
ORACION, por el Rev. Alden B. Case.

HIMNO: *La Fuente de la Vida.*

1. Fuente de la vida eterna,
Y de toda bendición,
Ensalzar tu gracia tierna
Debe cada corazón.
Tu piedad inagotable,
Abundante en perdonar,
Unico sér adorable,
Gloria á tí debemos dar.

2. Toma nuestros corazónes;
Llénalos de tu verdad,
De tu Espíritu los dones,
Y de toda santidad.
Guíanos en la obediencia,
Humildad, amor y fé;
Nos ampare tu clemencia,
Salvador, propicio sé.

BENDICION.



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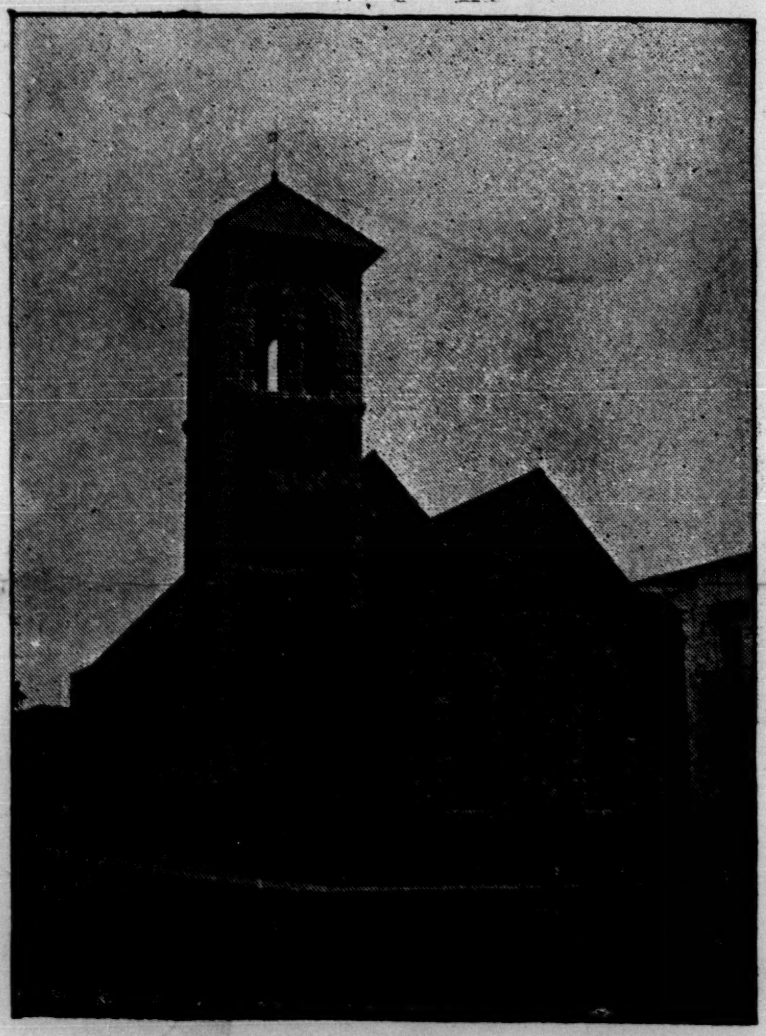

LA IGLESIA DEL "DIVINO REDENTOR."
—GUADALAJARA.—

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La Noche Buena

Celebración extraordinaria en el nuevo Templo

DE LA

Iglesia de la Santísima Trinidad,

A LAS 7.30 P. M.

CANTOS POR EL CORO Y POR LA CONGREGACION, RECITACIONES POR ALGUNOS NIÑOS, Y POR ULTIMO

BELLAS VISTAS

PRODUCIDAS POR LOS LENTES PODEROSOS Y LA LUZ BRILLANTE DEL ESCIOPTICON, Y QUE ILUSTRAN

LA NATIVIDAD;

TALES COMO LA ANUNCIACION A LA BENDITA VIRGEN MARIA, LA ESTRELLA DEL ORIENTE, EL PESEBRE EN BELEN, etc.

Respetuosamente se invita a todos los que gusten asistir al referido acto.

Santiago D. Eaton.

CHIHUAHUA, DICIEMBRE 23 DE 1893.

IMP. MIRAMONTES

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AN EL PASO COLLEGE.

METHODIST WOMEN PROPOSE TO ESTABLISH ONE ON CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

A Letter From Bishop Hendrix—A Committee Appointed to Assist in the Matter. The Campbell Real Estate Company Gives the Ground for the Building.

About two weeks ago the TIMES announced that an effort would be made to establish a school for girls under the auspices of the Methodist Episcopal church, south. Since then the matter has been quietly agitated to a certain extent, and it now seems almost certain that such school will be established. Rev. S. G. Kilgore, who now lives in Chihuahua, but who will remove to this city next week, has received the following letter from Bishop E. R. Hendrix, who presided over the session of the North Mexico Annual conference held in this town last October:

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 30, 1894.

My Dear Brother Kilgore: You have shown such good judgment about securing property in Chihuahua that I wish you would give special attention to the matter in El Paso. The Woman's Home Mission and Parsonage Society have been looking toward New Mexico as a point where they are inclined to establish a school. But after learning more about Las Vegas I have advised them not to do anything more in that direction. They have asked me about El Paso and I have said to do nothing until we had some definite proposition from the people of El Paso. If you could get a good offer of the necessary land properly located and a reasonable subscription from the people of El Paso toward a good building, I think the ladies could be induced to take hold and establish a connectional school there which would suit the needs of New Mexico and the Mexicans also, as well as local needs of the Americans in the New Mexico conference. It might be well for you to go to El Paso, see Robinson, Oxley and others, and together with Bro. Corbin see what can be done. I want to see our Mexican school under Miss Gilbert suitably housed as well as a school provided for the daughters of all that section. Is not such a combination practicable? The Woman's Home Missionary and Parsonage Society can succeed with what they undertake, if this is the wisest thing to be done.

Yours cordially,

E. R. HENDRIX.

Bishop Hendrix spent a week here and made a careful study of the town and its prospects, and his advice given to the woman's board, as indicated in this letter, is the result of that study. He assured a TIMES reporter then that he was interested in the town and considered it the most promising of the southwestern cities. He also advised the members of his church here never to sell a piece of property they could get hold of, as it would certainly increase in value.

After receiving the above letter, Mr. Kilgore came to El Paso and has been in consultation with members of the church and other enterprising citizens. He also saw Mr. Hammett, of St. Louis, president of the Campbell Real Estate company. Mr. Hammett is a personal friend of Bishop Hendrix and has great confidence in his judgment. The result of the conference was a gift of ten lots belonging to the Campbell Real Estate company situated in the northern part of town, between the Mesa school and Hotel Dieu. This half block will make a splendid site for such school. The president of the Woman's Home Mission and Parsonage society is Mrs. Scarritt, of Kansas City. She is the mother in-law of Bishop Hendrix and a very wealthy woman who will see the enterprise put through if it is undertaken. Mr. Kilgore, acting on the suggestions of Bishop Hendrix, has appointed what he calls an advisory board with a view to securing this school. This board is composed of Dr. C. T. Race, J. H. Harper, W. J. Fewel, Rev. C. J. Oxley and Rev. J. F. Corbin.

A College for El Paso.

Rev. S. G. Kilgore, of the M. E. church south, gives out the gratifying assurance that his church contemplates the erection of a college for higher education at this point, for which the board, connected with the church, will pledge itself for $10,000. To obtain this desirable addition it will require the co-operation of the people of El Paso, which no doubt will be cheerfully given, when its advantages are generally understood. Bishop E. R. Hendrix writes Mr. Kilgore as follows:

"KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 20, 1894.

MY DEAR BROTHER KILGORE:—You have shown such good judgment about securing property in Chihuahua, that I wish you would give special attention to the matter in El Paso. The Woman's Home Mission and Parsonage society have been looking toward New Mexico as a point where they are inclined to establish a school. But after learning more about Las Vegas, I have advised them not to do anything more in that direction. They have asked me about El Paso and I have said nothing until we had some definite proposition from the people of El Paso. If you could get a good offer of the necessary land properly located and a reasonable subscription from the people of El Paso toward a good building, I think the ladies could be induced to take hold and establish a connectional school there which would suit the needs of New Mexico and the Mexicans also as well as local needs of the Americans in the New Mexico conference. It might be well for you to go to El Paso, see Robinson, Oxley and others, and together with Bro. Corbin see what can be done. I want to see our Mexican school under Miss Gilbert suitably housed as well as a school provided for the daughters of all that section. Is not such a combination practicable? The Woman's Home Missions and Parsonage Society can succeed with what they undertake, if this is the wise thing to be done." Yours Cordially,

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EL PASO, TEXAS, MONDAY, DECEMBER 31 1894.

The Dedication Ceremonies

Of the Mexican Congregational church drew many people to the chapel on South Campbell street last night. The building is of adobe, 20 x 36 feet inside measurement, stone foundations, matched celling and floor, both oiled; and the front and back windows are of colored glass. The general effect is very pleasing and the building is an ornament to that section of the city. The actual money expediture was only $450 which was made possible only by the self sacrificing spirit of the membership, who although poor, contributed liberally in work.

The building was crowded with the united congregations of the M. E. South and Congregational Mexican churches as well as numerous American friends. After a hymn the invocation was made by Senor Jose Ibanez, pastor of the Congregational church in Juarez, Mexico, followed by the scripture reading by Senor Jose Bustamantes, pastor of the M. E. church South. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Otis C. Olds of Parral, Chihuahua. Rev. J. J. Gilchrist, of the Presbyterian church of Mira, N. M.; Rev. L.M. Ford of the Congregational church at Albuquerque; and Sr. T. N. Cordoba, of the M. E. church, assisted in the various excercises; and the benediction being pronounced by Rev. J. T. Corbin presiding elder of the Mexican M. E. church. To an American in sympathy with his work. The services prompted feelings of joy to see so many Mexicans gathered together thus. The singing was hearty and spiritual. Much praise is due Rev. A. C. Wright the director of the Training school here for the successful carrying out of this enterprise. Already burdened with work sufficient for two ordinary men in his school and foreign work, he finds time to render this congregation much helpful service. He is an example of the saying that if you want anything done right get an already over rushed man to do it. The HERALD congratulates him and the Mexican Congregationalists on the successful work accomplished here.

The new chapel of the Mexican Congregational church, situated near the colored school, was opened yesterday for a Christmas service, although the dedication of the building will not take place until next Sunday evening. The chapel is neat and attractive, and with its Christmas decorations of wreaths, festoons and flowers, looked very inviting. About 175 people were present, more in fact than could crowd into the building, but all listened attentively to the speeches, songs and other appropriate exercises. The service was planned and carried out by the young men and young women of the church, and showed careful and intelligent preparation.

Rev. Mr. Ford, a Mexican missionary in New Mexico, for the Congregational church, greatly interested the Trinity Y. P. S. C. E. yesterday afternoon by telling how the convention at Cleveland, Ohio, stirred the city up for Christ. He is an earnest speaker.

Mr. Ford

Mr. Ford is an Indian who was in our school a year — A.G.W.

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Congregational Training School.

This institution is situated in northwest El Paso, domiciled in a beautiful brick building, appropriately erected for its uses; is conducted by the Rev. A. C. Wright, under the combined auspices of the Congregational church and Educational Commission.

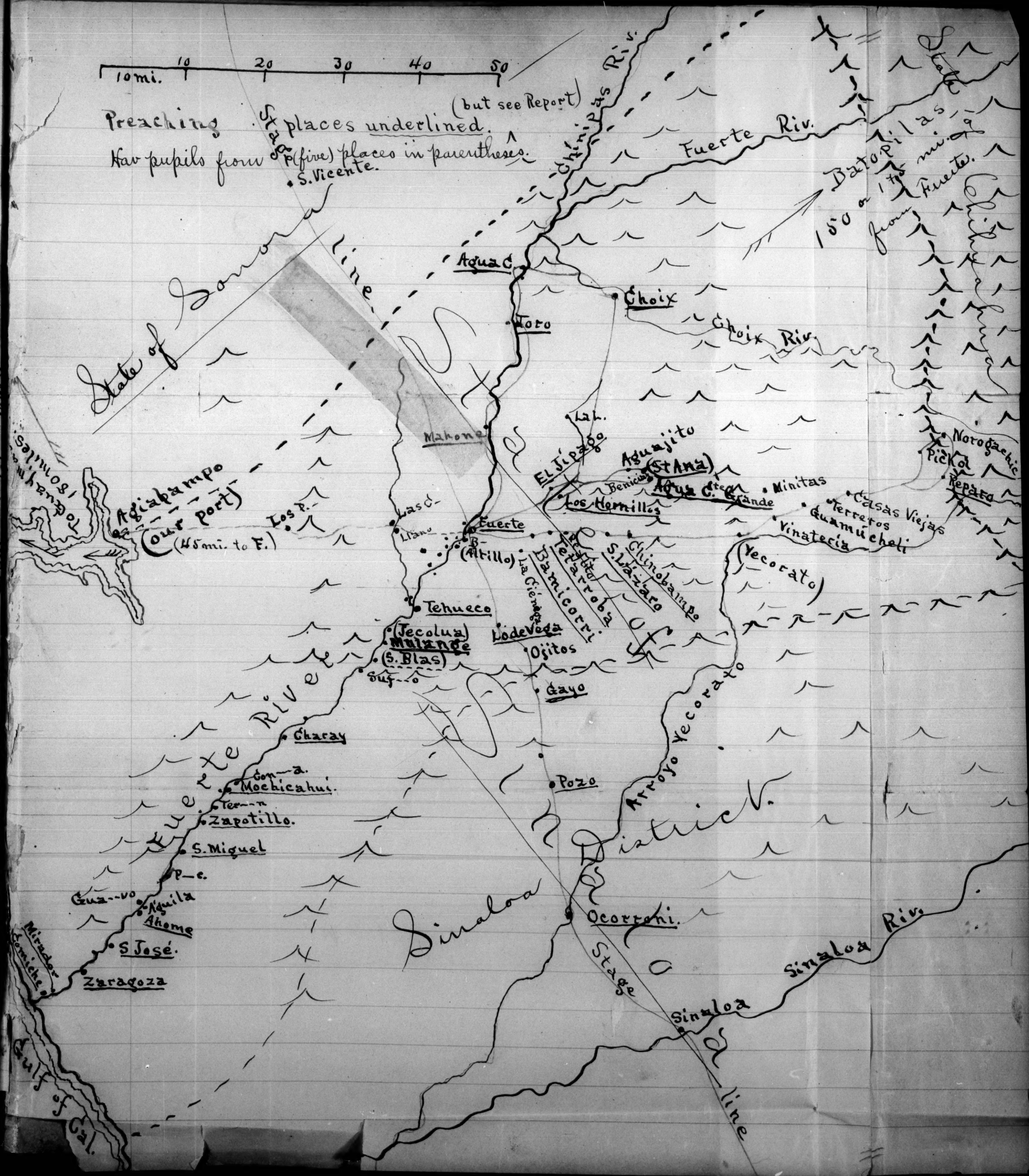
It is a training school for Mexican ministers, and the various branches are taught to prepare young men for the word. There are are about twenty students. The principal and superintendent lives in adjoining residence built by the board for the use of the president. Several have gone out and are doing good work for the cause of our Lord Jesus Christ among the Mexican people preaching in Juarez; two others in the state of Chihuahua, and two in New Mexico.

On visiting we found the building perfect in all its appointments. Pleasant dormitories, kitchen and dining room, carpenter shop and printing office being located in the basement. There is a matron, an assistant professor and as bright a band of boys as we have seen anywhere.

It is a pity that Methodism lacks just such an institution on the border to prepare young men for the ministry, though our brother Harwood, with scanty means, is doing his best to supply this long felt want among us.

There are classes in grammar, arithmetic, Greek testament, the sciences,—also, exercises regularly every morning of dumb bell and other athletic apparatus, the latter manufactured by the students in the carpenter shop.

On the whole we were impressed that this is one of the most useful institutions in the whole southwest; not only developing the spiritual, but also the mental and the vital—a matter too often neglected in our one-sided development. May the Lord prosper and bless this training school for the prophets of the lord.



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